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A large number of purchasers have ordered only Volume I. I feel sure that when you have read the fascinating histories, and looked at the many interesting pictures in this volume, you will want to see and possess the other two volumes, and thus have a complete history of the Conference. As the years go by the pastors and their wives will change, and as you read and hear of other pastors and churches outside of the district covered by Volume I you will want to see their pictures and know something more about them. No doubt hundreds, if not thousands of people in course of the next five years will want this History, but will be unable to get it as it will be out of print. I cannot afford to issue a large edition anticipating the sales of two or three or five years hence.

Therefore, please allow me to make a suggestion to you. If you want to make sure of getting Volumes II and III give your order AT ONCE to your local Agent, or drop me a postal card telling me to put your name on my list for Volumes II and III. I did contemplate publishing a second edition, and have been strongly advised to do so by several of the pastors. But I cannot afford to give any more time and strength to this History even though it might be quite profitable. Hence, when the first edition is exhausted no more can be gotten. If you want Volumes II and III you had better decide quickly. There can be no question as to the very low price of the work. Volumes II and III will likely be about the size of this volume. In fact, Volume III will likely contain 25 more pages than this volume. If I had known 9 months ago what I know now I would have charged \$1.75 and \$2.00 each instead of \$1.25 and \$1.50 for these volumes. In fact it has only been by the most careful economizing that this work could be issued at the present prices.

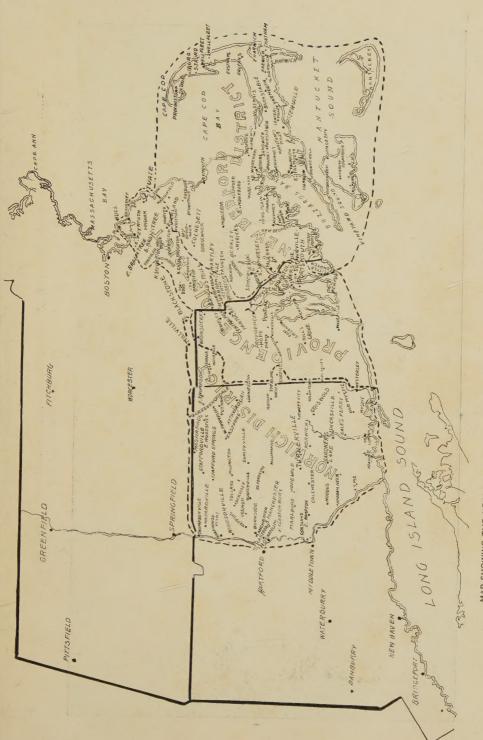
There is another way you can help me. Please show this Volume to your Methodist neighbors, and call their attention to the very low price of it, and also to the fact if they ever expect to get it NOW is the time to subscribe. If they want this volume or the other volumes send your local agent to them. In so doing you can do me a greater kindness than you perhaps realize, and I assure you I shall appreciate it. I have spared neither time, strength or money to have this work correct and complete. Many features have been inserted at considerable expense that might have been omitted (such as the pictures of the deceased ministers) but I felt the work would not have been complete without them and hence inserted them, and many more will appear in Volumes II and III. I feel that the above facts ought to be known throughout the churches, for in many of them, as yet, the number of sales have not reached anything like the number that I think we might reasonably expect. The pastors, generally, have done their part. Now I trust the layman will see the great volume of this work for them and rally to its support.

Hopefully Yours,
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PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

The Publisher, in distinction from the Editor, may be allowed a few-words.

After much delay we now send forth Volume I. to the public. No one in particular is to blame for the delay. A few delinquent churches are largely responsible for this long waiting. Our determination to have each church represented has been finally accomplished. Even with the delay some pictures, etc., came too late, and we have had to put them in a miscellaneous group at the close of the volume.

The engravings of this work (except a few loaned us) were made by the American Engraving Co. of Boston, whom we are glad to commend to our people. Of course, all the pictures will not appear equally good. Many of the photos were old and faded. In many cases the pictures had to be retouched by an artist before the engravers could use them.

Many extra features have been added to the original plan of the work which have increased considerably the size, and consequently the cost of the History. We trust the pastors and laymen will show their appreciation for these features by renewed efforts to increase the sale of the volume in their respective churches.

The tardiness in the canvass of many of the churches made it impracticable to carry out our original plan to publish only the number of the advance orders. We have accordingly issued a reasonable-sized edition, anticipating the demand that there would be for the work. There will be no second edition published. Volumes II. and III. we hope to have ready for delivery in the latter part of January.

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*—Since the earlier pages of Vol. I were printed we have learned that Prof. Townsend was never a member of our Conference. But has supplied some of our leading pulpits while teaching in Boston University.

EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION.

Believing that the story of the struggles and triumphs of the churches in our Conference will send a new impulse of holy zeal into thousands of lukewarm hearts, and inspire renewed loyalty to our church, I offer this History to the public. The discouraged people in many a church to-day can but gain new faith in God, and take fresh courage in their heroic efforts as they read of the wonderful way God has led many other churches out of bondage. The skeptic will find not a few interesting questions arising in the story of the churches that will be difficult for him to answer. The believer in prayer, faith, and God's over-ruling providence will find much to cheer and comfort him.

The grand possibilities of our village and country churches will find many striking confirmations in these pages. Thus one village church (North Dighton) alone has furnished five ministers, one of whom is the distinguished Methodist educator and divine, Charles H. Payne, D. D., LL. D.

This History calls attention anew (as many a pastor has found in searching for historical data) to the very important Disciplinary question, "Are the records properly kept?" Many cases have come under my observation where great and important church projects have been carried out, but not a line can be found in the church records concerning them. Doubtless many a pastor will look in vain for some reference to a successful work done in a former charge — simply because the present pastor in preparing the historical sketch for this work found nothing on the records to indicate such a work.

The pictures of "distinguished Methodist ministers formerly members of our Conference" will be an interesting feature. More will appear in Volumes II. and III. We doubt if there is another such a Conference in Methodism that has furnished other Conferences with so many of their ablest ministers.

In this volume I have given also a part of the pictures of the deceased members of our Conference. The pictures of as many others, as can be secured, will be published in Volumes II. and III. I ask for assistance from all our friends in securing the pictures of all the deceased members of the Conference. As the countless friends and spiritual children of these heroes of earlier days look upon their faces in these pages, doubtless many tender and sacred memories will be revived. If some lukewarm, and, perhaps, back-slidden souls,

I shall feel that I have not spent, in vain, the many precious hours

upon this History.

The biographies of the veterans (pp. 264-70) are very interesting. They deserve more recognition. After much correspondence for data the sketches herein given were compiled.

The most of the historical sketches of the individual churches have been written by the pastors, but in many cases the Editor has made additions gathered from reliable sources.

The special articles are all well written, and will greatly add to the value of the work. The story of the conversion of General U. S. Grant at Cottage City camp-meeting in 1874 will be valuable historical data for the coming biographer of the great general.

It is not improbable that there may have been many great revivals within the bounds of our Conference as noteworthy as that of Martha's Vineyard in 1853. But the fame of this one has long echoed in the Conference, and it seemed especially fitting to have Rev. Mr. Gould himself relate it to us while still living that we may "tell it to the generation following."

In the interesting article on the district Epworth League Mrs. Douglas speaks of a very popular and widely-circulated booklet issued by the District League. The author's modesty forbade her saying that that booklet, "What Can We Do: A Handbook for Epworth

Leaguers," was prepared largely by herself.

Before closing these words I want to thank the many friends who have helped, and in various ways encouraged me in this trying enterprise. Their kind words often came when greatly needed. I am profoundly grateful to the pastors who have quite generally given me their "hearty co-operation" in the preparation of the individual church histories, and in encouraging the sale of the work among their people. I am greatly indebted to many of the older ministers in the Conference for their thoughtful suggestions. Among these I especially prize the wise counsels of my presiding elder, Dr. E. C. Bass. Rev. W. I. Ward has rendered much valuable assistance in "proof-reading" and editorial suggestions. Last of all, I want to acknowledge my indebtedness to my faithful wife, whose good judgment and abundant labors have contributed more, perhaps, than anything else towards whatever success has attended the publication of this Souvenir History.

Notwithstanding all our carefulness, many errors will likely appear. But if the public will only apply the Golden Rule in its criticism I shall be satisfied.

RENNETTS C. MILLER.



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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE CONFERENCE.

By Rev. M. J. Talbot, D. D.

By the action of the General Conference, held in 1840, the Providence Conference was constituted of those pastoral charges, and the ministers stationed in them for the time being, which are situated



REV. M. J. TALBOT, D. D. der of New London District.

within the present boundaries of the New England Southern Conference. There were then, as there are now, three Presiding Elders' Districts: the Providence, New London and Sandwich. At the first session, held at Providence in 1841, the Elders appointed to preside over these districts were: Providence District, B. Otherman; New London District, A. U. Swinerton; Sandwich District, F. Upham. Messrs. Otherman, Swinerton and Upham had been Presiding Elders in the New England Conference, before the separation.

1842, the same, except that William Livesey was appointed Presiding El-

1843, the districts were called New Bedford, Sandwich and New London, the name of Providence District having been discontinued and the territory remaining as before defined: i. e., embracing the eastern and northern portions of the present New Bedford District. and all of Rhode Island. The Presiding Elders were: Sandwich District, Frederick Upham; New Bedford District, B. Otheman; New London District, Ralph W. Allen. The name of Providence District again appears in 1848 with Thomas Ely Presiding Elder, the territory remaining the same as under the previous designation. After this term of service David Patten was appointed to the district. Before his four years came to a close he had received and accepted a call to a professorship in the Biblical Institute at Concord, N. H., where he undertook and accomplished the task of raising funds sufficient to endow the institution and secure its removal to Boston, where it became the School of Theology of Boston University.

The form and dimensions of the district were practically unchanged until 1869, the Presiding Elders during this interval being Charles H. Titus, George M. Carpenter, Paul Townsend and Samuel C. Brown. In the last named year, Bishop D. W. Clark presiding, the

Conference was divided into five districts, named Providence, New Bedford, Sandwich, Norwich and Danielsonville. Providence District was constituted of Rhode Island (except Washington County and the towns on the northern border of the state) with a few adjacent towns in Massachusetts. This plan was in existence but a single year, at the close of which the number of districts was reduced to four, Danielsonville being eliminated. After a few years the original number was restored, M. J. Talbot and George W. Brewster having occupied the presiding eldership four years each till 1878, when D. A. Whedon was appointed. At the Conference of 1879 Bishop Gilbert Haven made the experiment of a new layout of the territory, forming the Providence North District, comprising the parishes lying north of the great railways running east and west through the Conference from Massachusetts Bay to the Connecticut River, with exceptional stations south of that line; Providence District, composed of the parts of Rhode Island and Connecticut south of the above named boundary, with a portion of Massachusetts; and New Bedford District.

This arrangement continued three years, D. A. Whedon being Presiding Elder of Providence District and M. J. Talbot of Providence North, the dividing line passing through the city of Providence. Dr. Whedon's term having expired in 1882, the form of districts now existing was adopted, and M. J. Talbot was again appointed to Providence District and continued in that relation until 1886, when he was succeeded by D. A. Jordan for four years, and he by S. O. Benton, the first who has filled the office, in this district, for the continuous term of six years.

DISTRICTS AND PRESIDING ELDERS.

1840-1842.

Providence District:

Bartholomew Otheman, '40, '41, '42.

New London District:

Asa W. Swinerton, '40, '41.

William Livesey, '42.

Sandwich District:

Frederick Upham, '40, '41, '42.

1843-1847.

New Bedford District:

Bartholomew Otheman, '43. Frederick Upham, '44, '45, '46, '47.

New London District:

Ralph W. Allen, '43, '44, '45, '46.

Erastus Benton, '47.

Sandwich District:

Frederick Upham, '43.

Bartholomew Otheman, '44, '45, '46, '47. 1848-1868.

Providence District:

Thomas Ely, '48, '49, '50, '51. David Patten, '52, '53, '54. Charles H. Titus, '55, '56, '57, '58. George M. Carpenter, '59, '60, '61, '62. Paul Townsend, '63, '64, '65. Samuel C. Brown, '66, '67, '68.

New London District:

Erastus Benton, '48, '49, '50.
Bartholomew Otheman, '51, '52, '53, '54.
Levi Daggett, Jr., '55, '56.
Anthony Palmer, '57, '58.
L. W. Blood, '59, '60.
Erastus Benton, '61, '62.
George M. Carpenter, '63, '64.
Pardon T. Kenney, '65, '66, '67, '68.

Sandwich District:

William T. Harlow, '48, '49, '50, '51. Pardon T. Kenney, '52, '53, '54, '55. Paul Townsend, '56, '57, '58, '59. Nathan P. Philbrook, '60, '61. Pardon T. Kenney, '62, '63, '64. Thomas Ely, '65, '66, '67, '68.

Providence District: S. C. Brown.

Norwich District:
Charles Nason.

Danielsonville District: G. W. Brewster.

New Bedford District: M. J. Talbot.

Sandwich District: W. T. Harlow.

1870-1877.

Providence District:

Micah J. Talbot, '70, '71, '72, '73. George W. Brewster, '74, '75, '76, '77.

Norwich District:

George W. Brewster, '70, '71, '72, '73. William H. Stetson, '74, '75, '76. James Mather, '77.

Fall River District:

Samuel C. Brown, '70, '71, '72, '73. William V. Morrison, '74, '75, '76, '77.

New Bedford District:

William T. Harlow, '70, '71, '72.

James Mather, '73, '74, '75, '76. William H. Stetson, '77.

1878.

Providence District:

D. A. Whedon.

Norwich District:

James Mather.

New Bedford District:

W. H. Stetson.

1879-1881.

Providence District:

D. A. Whedon.

Providence North District:

M. J. Talbot.

New Bedford District:

J. W. Willett.

1882-1897.

Providence District:

Micah J. Talbot, '82, '83, '84, '85. Dwight A. Jordan, '86, '87, '88, '89.

Stephen O. Benton, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95.

Edward C. Bass, '96, '97.

Norwich District:

Henry D. Robinson, '82, '83, '84, '85. Edward Edson, '86, '87, '88. Eben Tirrell, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94. George H. Bates, '95, '96, '97.

New Bedford District:

John W. Willett, '82. William V. Morrison, '83, '84, '85, '86 Charles W. Gallagher, '87, '88.

Walter Ela, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94. Thomas J. Everett, '95, '96, '97.







DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR CONFERENCE.

N. GOODRICH. 1843-'91

C. Morse. 1845-785.

I. WASHBURN. 1816-'64 The dates indicate the years spent in the ministry. B. A. CHASE. 1858-74.



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M. P. Alderman. 1835-92 George Morse. 1863-96

JNO. LIVESEY. 1844-'93 H. S. SMITH. 1853-'92

RICHARD LIVESEY, 1834-'57
A. N. SEARLES, 1884-'95

I., D. BENTLEY. 1847-'91 E. H. HATFIELT. 1848-'93

Daniel Webb. S. W. Coggeshall. E. B Bradfordd. 1798-³67 1832-³55 1832-³55 1835-³95 B. C. Phelps. E. D. Hall. S. McKeown, 1834-³96 1862-³06 1839-³90

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CAMP-MEETING.

By. Rev. W. V. Morrison, D. D.



REV. W. V. MORRISON, D. D.

In August, 1835, a few Methodists on the Island and neighboring main held a camp-meeting in a beautiful oak grove on Martha's Vineyard. There were but nine rudely-constructed tents erected that season, and only a few hundred people in attendance at the meeting. There were, however, no such disturbances from outsiders as were experienced at similar meetings on the mainland in those days.

The climate of the Vineyard was charming to these worshippers, as the gentle breezes of summer reached them from the surface of the salt

water. The white sails of numerous vessels cheered their vision as they looked out on Vineyard Sound, which was then, as now. the great roadway for commerce along the coast east and west, and where it is said more vessels pass annually than in any other waters in the world except in the English Channel. The preaching was a clear and forcible presentation of the prominent doctrines of Scripture which pertain to man's salvation. The Holy Spirit enforced the truth and great good was accomplished. This was the forerunner of one of the most remarkable series of camp-meetings ever held in America, and which, with the exception of a single year—1845—has continued till the present time. The first years of its history were characterized by remarkable displays of Divine power among the people, resulting in the quickening of believers and the conversion of many sinners. The natural attractions of the place, however, early claimed attention. Many began to go a week or two before the date fixed for the meeting, and after the services closed others remained for rest and recreation. The number visiting the place gradually increased from time to time till 20,000 or more have been seen there in recent years. Small family tents sprung up around the large church tents, and furnished many comforts hitherto unknown to the worshippers; after a few years these were replaced by beautiful cottages, in which the conveniences of home life are enjoyed from two to four months each season. As the shade of the old oaks began to disappear, a large canvas covering served to protect the congregations, and this in 1879 gave way after many years



MARTHA'S VINEYARD CAMP-MEETING FIFTY YEARS AGO.

of service to the great iron Tabernacle which now so admirably serves as a place of worship. The adjacent grounds have been cleared up, handsomely laid out and beautifully ornamented with shade trees, concrete walks, grass plots and flower beds. Around this old camp-



CAMP MEETING SCENES FIFTY YEARS AGO.

ground Cottage City has grown up, with superb transportation accommodations, fine residences, large hotels, numerous attractions and conveniences, furnishing one of the most desirable watering places on the Atlantic coast.

This history, however, would not be complete without brief reference to a few visits made by men eminent in the councils of the nation. In 1862 Governor Andrew, the great war Governor of Massachusetts, visited the meeting. His coming was the occasion of an immense gathering at Cottage City. The audience assembled for the afternoon was far beyond the seating capacity of the place. After an able sermon by Rev. J. A. M. Chapman, His Excellency being previously invited, followed in an address of masterly eloquence occupying an hour and a quarter. The historian of that occasion says: "He took a broad view of the present state of the country, and the history of our liberties. He spoke especially of slavery as the cause of our troubles, which he believed it was the design of God to destroy before giving us peace, and urged it as a religious duty to hasten to the rescue." His address was enthusiastically received by the people, and his sentiments cheered again and again by Amens from the audience.

In 1874 President U. S. Grant and party, including his wife, visited the meeting. Sunday was a great day; many thousands had arrived from the cities on the main. General Grant and most of his party were seated on the preacher's stand; there were also present more than one hundred ministers, and an immense audience vastly beyond the seating capacity of the auditorium. The morning sermon was by

Bishop Gilbert Haven, D. D.; text: Joel iii, 14: "Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision." It was one of the greatest sermons of his life. The Holy Spirit enforced the truth as he uttered it, and the thronging thousands were profoundly stirred. The sermon was



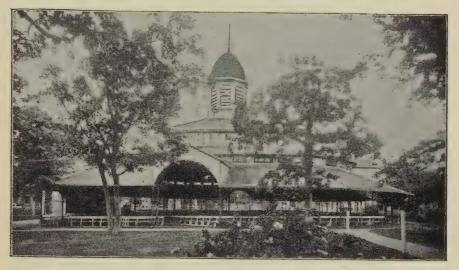
CAMP MEETING SCENES FIFTY YEARS AGO.

followed by a prayer service; hundreds knelt in fervent supplication, every heart in the vast multitude was moved by the power of God. General Grant sat in the midst, in appearance solemn and thoughtful. Being near him, I said to him: "General, you have commanded armies and they obeyed you; there is One above us all who claims your service, will you not bow with us?" After a moment's waiting he replied: "Thank you," and bowed his head. Following this service, a season of prayer, with his approval, was held by a few friends at the cottage where he and his wife were stopping. After his death, which occurred July 25, 1885, in a paper written by one of his former pastors at the Metropolitan Church in Washington, and who was present on the occasion above described, expresses the belief that General Grant entered into peace with God at Martha's Vineyard, and that through the later years of his life and severe illness, he was supported by the well-grounded hope of a blissful immortality.

At this writing the sixty-second camp-meeting here is in successful progress, with services well attended, spiritual and helpful. Although the revival type of the services has somewhat changed, yet no one familiar with the history of the meeting can call in question its continued usefulness.

The Association was incorporated for religious purposes, and has steadily adhered to this end in all its endeavors. The following are its officers, many of whom have served in their positions with great fidelity for more than a score of years:

President—Rev. M. J. Talbot, D. D.
Vice-President—Rev. L. B. Bates, D. D.
Treasurer—E. G. Eldridge.
Secretary—Eli H. Howard.
Directors—Rev. S. F. Upham, D. D., Rev. J. W. Willett, J. D.



THE PRESENT AUDITORIUM.

Flint, A. J. Nickerson, Jacob Burt, A. J. Manchester, Rev. W. V. Morrison, D. D., Rev. J. B. Gould, Caleb L. Ellis, Robert C. Brown, Cyrus Washburn, E. T. Sampson, Rev. A. W. Kingsley, Rev. F. P. Parkin, Z. L. Bicknell, E. G. Eldridge, S. H. Bailey, L. B. West.

EAST GREENWICH ACADEMY.

This institution was established in its present location in East Greenwich in the year 1802, as the Kent Academy. It was the second school of the kind in the state, and has continued to the present time without interruption for a single year. From the time of its founding the school continued under the administration of the corporation until its purchase, November 9th, 1841, by the Providence Conference (now New England Southern) of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A new charter for the institution was then obtained under the name of "The Providence Conference Academy." The corporate title was afterward changed to "The Providence Conference Seminary and Musical Institute." In 1884 the property passed into the hands of a stock company; but four years later, in 1888, the stock was surrendered and the stock

company as such was abolished. It is now (1897) under the joint control of the New England Southern Conference and a body of able and carefully selected corporators.



PRIN. F. D. BLAKESLEE, D. D.

The buildings are on an eminence on the western shore of Narragansett Bay, and the location is of surpassing beauty, presenting a view of both shores of the bay for a distance of twenty miles or more. From the Academy building may be seen with the naked eye the cities of Providence, Fall River, Warren, Bristol and Newport. Many persons who have visited Europe pronounce the view from the institution equal to that of the bay of Naples. The Academy grounds contain five acres, giving a large campus and a lawn beautifully laid out and ornamented with trees and shrubbery. In the centre of these grounds

stands the Academy building proper, one of the finest structures of its kind, erected in 1858. It contains a very superior chapel, commodious recitation rooms, art room, rooms for literary societies, offices, cabinet, laboratory, library and reading room. The original building was removed to its present site on Spring street, where, with some modifications, it is still in use for a public school. The Boarding Hall was erected in 1846, and in 1868 it was remodeled and enlarged at a cost of about \$15,000. In the early morning of August 11th, 1896, this building, with its contents, was totally destroyed by fire. Since then it has been necessary to supplement the other dormitory accommodations by cottages. A new one of eighteen rooms and all modern conveniences was opened to students September 14, 1897. This fronts on Church Street. An elegant new dining-room and kitchen have been provided in the basement of the Academy building. The present arrangement, with better rooms and new furniture, gives more comfortable quarters than those in the burned structure. The third building, a private residence, situated on the north side of the Academy grounds, now known as the Winsor House, and used as a dormitory by teachers and students, was purchased by the institution in 1856.

Across the street from the Boarding Hall is the Principal's residence, acquired in 1888, with convenient and elegant parlors for use in the social life of the school. All these buildings are heated with steam and lighted by electricity.



FACULTY OF EAST GREENWICH ACADEMY.

The design of the school is to furnish the best possible facilities for a thorough culture, under religious influences, in all departments of academic instruction. The institution has a library; and the members of the school have access also to the excellent free library of the town, of which the Principal is president, a few rods distant from the Academy grounds. The geological and mineralogical cabinet embraces about three thousand specimens, and is rarely surpassed in variety and completeness. It has recently been completely reorganized. The specimens were all newly labelled and arranged under the direction of a Russian expert, for practical use in the classes of geology, mineralogy, etc. A number of fine specimens of silver and gold ore from the Rocky Mountains, over fifty typical specimens of valuable minerals, fossil remains and geological formations from Kansas and various marbles from New England, are among recent accessions.

The institution has a good philosophical and chemical apparatus; a superior stereopticon; a set of English astronomical slides, showing the various real and apparent motions of the heavenly bodies; a fine collection of Levy's lantern views; an electric machine, with a twenty-four inch plate; Wightman's gasometers, and a new compound microscope.

The "Philognothian" and the "Adelphian" societies of gentlemen, and the "Aletheon," a society of ladies, hold stated meetings for discussions and other literary exercises.

A large and well-conducted reading room is supplied with the most valuable and popular papers and periodicals from various por-

tions of the country.

The first conservatory of music in America was opened here in 1859 by the late Eben Tourjée, director of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. No academy in the country has been more widely celebrated for the superiority of its musical department. Pupils are here placed under the same systematic drill and receive for the most part the same studies which would be given them in the best conservatories of Europe.

There is also a commercial college connected with the academy, and a department of stenography and typewriting; also an art department. A normal department was opened in 1888, which has trained several now successful teachers. Particular attention is also paid to elocution. The college preparatory department ranks among the first in New England.

In 1888 the institution received \$43,000 from the estate of the late Stephen T. Olney of Providence; \$13,000 of this was used in paying a mortgage debt, leaving \$30,000 permanent endowment.

Following is the list of principals of the institution since it was founded:

Abner Alden, A. M., 1802-1808; Joseph L. Tillinghast, A. M., 1808-1811; Aaron Putnam, A. M., 1811-1812; Ezekiel Rich. A. M., 1812-1815; James Underwood, A. M., 1815-1817; Rev. Daniel Waldo, A. M., died at the age of 104, 1817-1818; Benjamin F. Allen, A. M., 1818-1822; Nathan Whiting, A. M., 1822-1823; Charles H. Alden, A. M., 1823-1825; Rev. Ebenezer Coleman, A. M., 1825-1826; Christopher Robinson, A. M., 1826-1829; Rev. Henry Edes, A. M., 1829-1831; Penuel Corbett, A. M., 1831-1832; Christopher Robinson, A. M., 1832-1833; George W. Green, A. M., 1833-1834; Joseph Harrington, A. M., 1834; Joshua O. Coburn, A. M., 1834-1835; Thomas P. Rodman, A. M., 1835-1836; Joshua O. Coburn, A. M., 1836-1838; Rev. James Richardson, A. M., 1838-1839; Rev. Daniel G. Allen, 1839-1841; Rev. Benjamin F. Tefft, A. M., 1841-1842; Rev. George F. Pool, A. B., 1842-1843; Rev. Daniel G. Allen, 1843-1844; George B. Cone, A. M., 1844-1847; Rev. William Bagnall, A. M., 1847-1848; Rev. Robert Allyn, A. M., 1848-1854; Rev. George W. Quereau, A. M., 1854-1858; Rev. Micah J. Talbot, A. M., 1858-1862; Rev. Bernice D. Ames, A. M., 1862-1864; Rev. James T. Edwards, A. M., 1864-1870; Rev. David H. Ela, 1871-1873; Rev. Francis D. Blakeslee, A. M., 1873-1884; Rev. Oliver H. Fernald, A. M., 1884-1885; Rev. Orange W. Scott, 1885-1886; Rev. Leonard L. Beeman, A. M., 1886-1887; Rev. Francis D. Blakeslee, D. D., 1887—present Principal.

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Rev. FRANCIS D. BLAKESLEE, A. M., D. D., Principal, Syracuse and Wesleyan Universities.

Greek and Roman History.

GEORGE D. BUSSEY, A. B., Vice-President. Harvard University. Mathematics and Natural Science.

THERON C. STRICKLAND, Commercial Department,

RUSSELL B. MILLER, A. M., Ohio Wesleyan University. Greek and Latin.

Mrs. AUGUSTA M. BLAKESLEE, A. M., Preceptress, Syracuse University.

Mrs. ISADORA B. BUSSEY. New England Conservatory. Director of Music, Organ and Piano.

Miss A. JENNIE COX, Art Department.

Mrs. MARY A. STRICKLAND, Stenography and Typewriting.

Miss ANNA M. STARBUCK, French, Normal and English.

Miss ADDIE E. ROES, Emerson School of Oratory. Elocution.

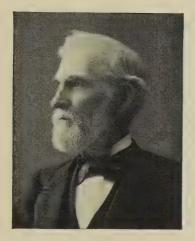
Miss ANNE A. LATHROP, Wellesley and Radcliffe Colleges. History and English.

> Miss ANNA F. SMITH, East Greenwich Academy. Vocal Culture and Piano.

Mrs. LILLIAN M. MILLER, B. L., Ohio Wesleyan University. German.



EAST GREENWICH ACADEMY STUDENTS - JUNE 1897.



D. A. WHEDON, D. D. President Board of Trustees.

Among the prominent alumni of the Academy may be mentioned the Rt. Rev. Willard F. Mallalieu, D. D.: the Rev. William F. Warren, D. D.; LL. D., President of Boston University; the Rev. C. H. Pavne. D. D.. Secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church: the Rev. S. F. Upham, D. D., LL. D., Professor in Drew Theological Seminary; the Hon. Nelson Aldrich. United States Senator from Rhode Island; Prof. Alonzo Williams, of Brown University, and Justices Matteson and Tillinghast of the Supreme Court of the state.

The institution has exerted an important influence in the educational work of the state, a large proportion of its public school teachers having been educated here. Its alumni are found in prominent positions in business life and official stations.

CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONS.

By W. I. Ward.

During the session of 1878 the Conference organized the Conference Home Missionary Society, declaring its object to be a more vigorous prosecution of the missionary work within the bounds of the Conference. W. V. Morrison, D. D., who had earnestly advocated the movement and had been largely influential in giving it form, was made first president of the society. Fifteen years later, after the wisdom of the general plan of operation and the importance of the work had been fully demonstrated, the form of organization was changed, and the Board of Conference Home Missions was substituted for the Conference Home Missionary Society.

The officers of the Board are chosen annually by the Annual Conference. The presiding elders are members ex officio. There are eighteen other members of the board, three ministers and three laymen from each presiding elder's district. These are elected by the Annual Conference in classes, each class consisting of one minister and one layman from each district. One class is elected each year to serve during a term of three years.

The work undertaken by the society, and now committed to the Board, is to provide and administer financial aid at specially needy

and deserving points within our Conference. By its aid unoccupied fields have been entered and churches established therein. In charges already established it has helped to acquire new church property or to improve the old. It has come to the relief of burdensome indebtedness and has encouraged the maintenance of existing churches in communities which need them, but are unable adequately to support them. There are in the Conference about twenty churches which were organized under the fostering care of the home mission movement. The erection or improvement of more than thirty houses of worship has been secured by the co-öperation of this organization. In various ways over eighty churches have received needed assistance from this source.

Funds to support this work are raised in several ways:

1. The Conference asks and expects each church to take a collection every year for this cause.

- 2. There is a "Standing Subscription List" on which a considerable number of persons have placed their names pledging themselves to pay annually, until they give notice to the contrary, a fixed sum to the treasurer of the Board, beside contributing to the cause through the regular channel of the collections in the local church.
- 3. Several sums, aggregating \$2,000, have been given to the Conference Trustees with instructions that the income thereof shall be paid each year to the Board.

The officers and members of the Board are as follows:

President—R. S. Douglas.

Vice-President-Costello Lippitt.

Secretary-W. I. Ward.

Treasurer—J. S. Bridgford.

Ex-Officio Members—The Presiding Elders.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

For One Year—H. D. Robinson, S. O. Benton, W. J. Yates, S. H. Bailey, James Taylor, H. B. Smith.

For Two Years—H. B. Cady, B. F. Simon, J. S. Wadsworth, J. W. Horton, W. E. Walker, F. M. Messenger.

For Three Years—G. W. Hunt, E. F. Clark, F. C. Baker, J. D. Flint, David Gordon, J. E. C. Farnham.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

By Mrs. T. J. Everett.



MRS. T. J. EVERETT.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the New England Southern Conference was organized in 1883 at the Chestnut Street Church, Providence, during the session of the Annual Conference. Mrs. R. S. Rust of Cincinnati, Ohio, General Corresponding Secretary of the society, and Mrs. L. M. Dunton of South Carolina, addressed the meeting and assisted in the organization. Mrs. Joseph Hollingshead was elected President: Mrs. James Mather, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and Miss E. L. Manchester, Recording Secretary.

During the early years of the society these ladies, together with a constantly increasing number of assistants, did valiant service in establishing the society and securing its recognition in the Conference.

By years of residence in the South, Mrs. Mather was providentially fitted for the work. She spared neither time, strength, nor means in seeking to arouse the women of the church to the great need of missionary work among the neglected classes of our own country.

Gradually hearts warmed toward this new department of the Master's work, and the first year witnessed the organization of five auxiliaries. During the years since the society has gained slowly but steadily. At the last report we had forty-one organizations, with a membership of about nine hundred adults and two hundred and fifty young people and children. The cash receipts for all departments of work were about \$3,000. In addition to this the society has done good work in sending much needed supplies to the frontier.

For several years the special work of the society was the establishing of a Model Home and Industrial and Training School at Camden, South Carolina. A legacy of \$2,000 from Mrs. Fannie O. Browning of Montville, Conn., greatly assisted in this work, and the new home was called by her name.

This home and school has now for years been doing a much needed and very successful work among the colored young people in its vicinity. Last year forty girls lived in the home. The day school had an average attendance of one hundred and twenty-five and the night school thirty-three pupils. The ages of the pupils range from ten to twenty-five. The advantages of such an institution are highly prized by the people of the community. Its current expenses are more than met by the tuition from pupils. The building is now being enlarged to provide for the work.

Other departments of the society's work have not been neglected. Through the gifts and prayers of the women of our Conference, souls have been saved and lives brightened in far distant regions,—among the Negroes, Indians, Chinese and Alaskans. Not only this, but the "children of the poor" are being cared for at our homes at York and Tivoli. The sinning and suffering ones of the "submerged tenth" in our great cities are being sought and ministered to by our missionaries and deaconesses, and the strangers at our gates are being welcomed, sheltered and guided into safe paths. In all these blessed ministries we have a share. May opportunities for future usefulness be greatly increased by large accessions to its ranks of workers and added gifts to its treasury. The present officers of the society are:

President—Mrs. T. J. Everett.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. A. Southard.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. H. Allen.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. F. Cooper.

THE PROVIDENCE DEACONESS HOME. By Miss Margaret E. Todd, Supt.



THE DEACONESS HOME.

The home was opened early in Tune, 1895, in a rented apartment of eight rooms, located at 167 Courtland Street. The first year the family comprised Mrs. Carrie Frances Collins, Superintendent: Miss Mary Anna Taggart and Miss Margaret Lucy Eckley, visiting Deaconesses. from the Chicago Training School. This year the Deaconesses served St. Paul's, Asbury, Hope Street and Tabernacle

churches. Near the close of the year Miss Taggart's health required her to choose another field of labor, and Mrs. Collins resigned as Superintendent. At the opening of the second year our members were reinforced by arrival from the Chicago Training School of Miss Margaret Etta Todd to serve as Superintendent, and Miss Blanche Leora Baker as visiting Deaconess. This year some service was rendered to each of the following churches, viz.: Mathewson Street, Chestnut Street, St. Paul's, Tabernacle, Broadway, Cranston Street, Asbury, Hope Street and Trinity churches. To obtain the best results a Deaconess should be assigned to but one church at a time, and that for a period of not less than one year. When establishing the work the Board of Managers deemed it wise to give to as many churches as possible a practical illustration of a Deaconess's work; so, having but three Deaconesses, each was assigned a broad field of three churches, to serve as she best could, dividing her time among them. By this plan the work has grown in favor with our city Methodists, as is evidenced by the increased amounts pledged for the support of the Home. In November, 1896, our first class in kindergarten was formed, consisting of twenty-four little girls under twelve years of age gathered from the homes of the poor visited by the Deaconesses. Accompanied by a piano, the children sing easy rhymes describing methods of work, while the hands are busy building fires, laying the table for dinner, making beds and performing many other domestic duties with miniature furniture. Such class work as this has been the means of

elevating some homes. Almost any labor of love a Deaconess can render to one sick or in trouble belongs to the work of and is the pleasure of a Deaconess. Many testify to the lightening of their cares and the brightening of their homes through the visits of these Deaconess, who do all "For Jesus' Sake."



THE PROVIDENCE DEACONESSES.

At the opening of the third year Miss Isa Dora Boardman came from the Chicago Training School as Deaconess Housekeeper to take the place of Miss Frances Borden Gardiner, resigned. The first of July, 1897, the Home was moved to a ten-room cottage (see cut) located at 85 Harrison Street. These premises have been leased for a term of three years. At the end of that period, we hope a home of our own will be at command through the generosity of one or more of our friends. Monday is visitors' day, but the Home is always open to its friends. Donations of cash and supplies for the sick and poor are always needed and gratefully received.

A BUSY DAY.

Breakfast at 7 o'clock, then our family devotions. A few house-hold duties to be attended to, and in the meantime some gruel must be made for the dear old lady, who is so ill. The gruel is ready, and after a walk of a half a mile, the old lady's room is reached, which is up two flights of stairs in an attic. She is able to sit up this morning, but she must have a fire built, the ashes carried out, some water brought upstairs, her bed made, her room put to rights, her hair brushed and a visit to the grocery must be made to buy the needed

supplies for the day. Then, after a chapter from God's Word, and a prayer that He would be with her and comfort her during the lonely hours that she must be alone, the deaconess wended her way back to the Home, and on the way she was planning in her own mind how much she would accomplish before the noon hour. But on her arrival at the Home, Mrs. A. was waiting to see her. Mrs. A. called in to get a dress and jacket for Mary, a pair of trousers and a cap for Johnnie, and a pair of shoes and a coat for her husband, and a "job" of work for herself. A half hour was spent in the "supply closet" and most of the needed articles found, and Mrs. A., with a grateful heart and laden with her bundles, said "Good morning."

The deaconess seated herself at the office desk and began to write, but not long, for the doorbell rang once more, and dear old Mrs. B. walked in and inquired for "my deaconess." She was called from her writing to attend to the wants of Mrs. B., who had come in to make an exchange; a few days before she had gotten a waist from our "supply closet" for her daughter, but she thought it was too gay, and wanted to get one that was more plain. Another visit to the supply closet was made, and a more sombre garment found, and Mrs. B. went on her way.

That morning there had come by express from one of the Epworth Leagues on the district, a box of flowers. Immediately after dinner, laden with a basket of these lovely blossoms, the deaconess started for the hospital. Thirty-three calls were made there, leaving with each sufferer in the ward a bunch of flowers and a word of comfort and cheer as best she could. From the hospital a call was made on a woman who had deeply interested the deaconess. She was a woman who was trying hard to live right, but she lived in a bad neighborhood, and her associations did not tend to help her in the direction of being and doing better. Her neighbors had the habit coming in and making a friendly call now and then, and bringing in a pail of beer just to make things a little more lively. The deaconess had a faint suspicion that afternoon that some of the neighbors had made Mrs. M. a friendly call, so she asked if she had not been drinking beer, and in an embarrassed way she acknowledged that she had taken "just a little." Poor woman, she has made many an attempt to do what was right, but she lacks strength, is easily influenced, and her bad associates tempt her and she sometimes yields. The deaconess gave her a very plain talk along the line of temperance, and then they knelt down together in that wretched home and asked God to give her strength and to help her to keep from evil, and Mrs. M. promised she would do better, and the deaconess had faith in her that she would keep her promise.

It was now 5.30 P. M. and time to return to the little Home, which never seemed sweeter, after seeing so much that was unpleasant and wretched. The afternoon had brought another box of flowers from a Junior League in Connecticut, and as they were so beautiful and fresh immediately there came into the mind of the deaconess five dear old ladies, whom she called her "shut ins," and they must have some of these flowers. Supper was over and evening prayers in the little Home. The deaconess was somewhat weary in body, but the flowers ought to be taken out and prayer meeting must be attended. The five bouquets were delivered and a word of good cheer left. The prayer meeting was reached a little late, but all the more enjoyable for making those few last calls.

BOARD OF MANAGERS, 1897-98.

President, Henry A. Fifield, 78 America Street; First Vice-President, Frank H. Maynard, 420 Angell Street; Second Vice-President, Noel L. Anthony, Norwood Avenue; Treasurer, Mrs. Edward Shaw, 2d., P. O. Box 201; Corresponding Secretary, Miss M. Ella Stewart, 65 Pitman Street; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Jamison, 101 Comstock Avenue; Managers, Mrs. C. E. Hancock, 239 Adelaide Avenue; Mrs. J. W. V. Rich, 375 Blackstone Street; Mrs. H. S. Lamson, 17 Battey Street; Mrs. William W. Munroe, East Providence; Mrs. G. N. Bullock, 378 Carpenter Street; Mrs. M. E. Douglass, 135 Brook Street; Rev. E. C. Bass, D.D., 90 Harrison Street; Rev. M. S. Kaufman, 20 Sackett Street; Rev. W. S. McIntire, 288 Potter's Avenue; Rev. A. J. Coultas, 113 Somerset Street; Rev. J. M. Taber, 31 Dartmouth Avenue; George W. Amison, Olneyville; Charles L. Hazard, East Providence; Frederick A. Horton, 56 Doyle Avenue; Josiah L. Webster, 103 Parade Street.

FALL RIVER DEACONESS HOME.

By Rev. L. M. Flocken.

In the Epistles of St. Paul a number of female helpers are mentioned. In Rom. xvi, 1, Phoebe is referred to as a "deaconess" (R. V. Marg.). This has led many to think that an order of deaconesses existed in the Apostolic Church, as there undoubtedly did a little later



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(see Pliny, Ep. ad Traj.). The Apostolical Constitutions prescribe their duties and give a form of ordination (Bk. viii, ch. xix, 20). Abundant evidence is found in the writings of the church Fathers that such an order flourished in the early centuries of our era. It was, however, abrogated in France by the Council of Orange, A. D. 441, and gradually disappeared from the Latin Church about the sixth century and from the Greek about the twelfth.

Attempts at restoration were made by some of the Reformers. Deacons, both men and women, seem to have been recognized by the Puritans in the 16th century (see Neal, History of the Pur., vol. 1, ch. v, p. 140), but the first successful reorganization of the Deaconess work was made by Pastor Fliedner, in 1835, at Kaiserwerth, Prussia. He established an infirmary to be served by Christian women devoting their time and faculties without pecuniary emoluments or worldly honors. The movement met with such success that it rapidly spread to other countries.

The honor of originating this work in the M. E. Church belongs to Mrs. Lucy R. Meyer of Chicago, who has rightfully been styled the

"Mother of the Deaconess Movement in Methodism." Under her guiding hand the Chicago Home and Training School was established, and from this beginning the movement has spread to almost every city in the union.

The General Conference of 1888, held in New York City, officially recognized and adopted it as an organic part of the Church. The duties of the deaconess as defined in the Church Discipline are: "To minister to the poor, care for the sick, provide for the orphan, comfort the sorrowing, seek the wandering, save the sinning." No vow of perpetual service is exacted, she may relinquish her work at any time; her service is voluntary, but she is entitled to a suitable support.



JOHN D. FLINT.

The introduction of this noble work into Fall River is due to Mr. I. D. Flint. Although many others have labored faithfully and contributed liberally, the Home must ever gratefully acknowledge him as its chief benefactor and founder. He had been favorably disposed toward the movement from its inception, but his first meeting with Mrs. Meyer was at the Ecumenical Methodist Conference held in Washington. Her address deeply impressed him, and at its close he remarked to her that he thought Fall River would some time have a Deaconess Home.

For some time he employed Miss Emma Ross to do similar work as "city missionary." Her reports greatly encouraged Mr. Flint, and he decided that a Deaconess Home in this city would be an excellent investment for the cause of our Master. He made known his purpose and plan to his pastor, Rev. A. J. Coultas, to whom much credit is due for giving form and direction to the movement. He called a meeting of the pastors and lay representatives of the various M. E. churches in the city on December 21, 1892. After due consideration the following persons signed an agreement, associating themselves together with the intention of forming a corporation and applying for a charter: J. D. Flint, William S. Green, A. J. Coultas, John R. Butterworth, Job Gardner, John G. Gammons, John N. Wilde, Walter Ela, Warren A. Luce, Frank S. Brooks, Louis M. Flocken, Iram N. Smith, Lafayette Nichols, A. J. Marble, Charles E. Case, T. F. Vickery, R. D. Dyson, Daniel Moore.

The corporation was legally formed and a constitution adopted

January 20, 1893. It provides that any M. E. church in Fall River desiring may have at least two representatives in the membership of the corporation, which holds a meeting annually in June; and that there shall be a Board of Managers composed of seventeen members besides the officers, holding regular meetings in January, April, June, July and October.

On June 22, 1893, Mr. Flint donated dividend-paying mill stocks amounting to \$10,000 to the corporation, to be held as a perpetual endowment. At a meeting held in January, 1894, the Benjamin Covel estate on Second Street was purchased at an expense of \$8,800. About \$1,600 was raised and expended in remodeling and repairs. Mr. Flint made a proposition that if the Board raise \$1,000, he would see that the balance was paid. This was done, and on June 26, 1895, the note was liquidated and this magnificent estate, now valued at



THE FALL RIVER DEACONESSES.

Mrs. K. M. Cooper. Mary N. Adams. Mrs. Sadie R. Griffin.
Stella M. Bounds. M. Emma Ross.

\$15,000, became the property of the Fall River Deaconess Home, without incumbrance.

The services of Miss Mary N. Adams, Superintendent, and Miss Nellie Olsen, both of the Chicago training school, had been secured, as also M. Emma Ross of the Boston school, who began their work about the first of June, 1894. The Home was formally opened with a reception and public exercises June 27, the Rev. W. N. Brodbeck, D. D., of Boston, delivering the address. In the summer of 1895, Miss Florence A. Vaillancourt and Miss Grace Adams came to the Home, Miss Lulu I. Clifton taking the place of the latter in the fall.

Mrs. Sadie R. Griffin took up the work in 1896, and Miss Stella M. Bounds and Mrs. K. M. Cooper in 1897. Some of the above have gone elsewhere, leaving at present a force of five whose names are given below.

A Deaconess Aid Society was organized in the fall of 1894, which as its name indicates, assists in the support, furnishing and work of the

Home in many ways.

The Deaconess movement in this city, though yet in its infancy, is no longer an experiment, but an assured success. The Superintendent's reports up to about January 1, 1897, show that 21,615 calls have been made, of which 1,563 were upon the sick; 1,980 garments have been given away; baskets of food and other articles of necessity and comfort to the number of 1,411 have been distributed; situations secured for forty-eight persons; religious meetings have been held in hospitals, almshouses, and homes; 1,465 hours have been spent in nursing the sick, and 4,920 hours spent at other work in the homes of the needy. Many children have been brought into the Sunday Schools, and neglected ones into our churches. Many touching incidents have been witnessed, and Christian and charitable services not reducible to statistics have been rendered by these devoted women. God is in the movement. May He raise up multitudes who shall "assist them in whatsoever business they have need of: for they have been succourers of many."

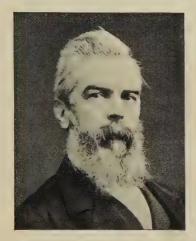
Present Deaconesses—Mary N. Adams, Superintendent; M. Emma Ross, Mrs. Sadie R. Griffin, Stella M. Bounds, Mrs. Kate M. Cooper.

Present Board of Managers—John D. Flint, President; Job Gardner, Vice-President; I. N. Smith, Treasurer; Rev. L. M. Flocken, Secretary and Corporation Clerk.

Rev. S. O. Benton, D. D., Rev. J. H. MacDonald, Rev. H. A. Ridgway, Rev. Alexander Anderson, Rev. E. W. Eldridge, John R. Butterworth, Chas. E. Case, Cora Hacking, Margaret Bury, Sarah E. Booth, Nancy Kershaw, Mary N. Adams, Mrs. R. N. Allen, Mrs. William Thorpe, Mrs. S. W. Gibbs, Mrs. George Whittaker, Mrs. E. F. Stafford.

THE GREAT MARTHA'S VINEYARD REVIVAL OF 1853. By Rev. John B. Gould.

In 1852 I was stationed at Edgartown. In 1853 we commenced a series of meetings, with remarkable results. We held services in the church one hundred nights in succession. No sermons were needed, for there were spiritual giants there. It seemed that old Edgartown and the whole island of Martha's Vineyard were shaken by a mighty gale. A series of balls commenced at the same time. The first proceeded a short time, and there being no interest they early adjourned, and that same night the leaders were at our altar. Their festivities were ended, and nearly all of them were soon converted. The aged and the young swarmed to the church every night. Through storm and fair the place was crowded. One of the most remarkable events



REV. JOHN B. GOULD.

I ever knew was the conversion of Freeman N. Blake, a professed infidel. He was principal of Dukes County Academy, and afterwards a lawyer and consul of the United States in Canada. He had once heard me preach on the new birth, and went out denouncing me and said he would never hear me again. One terribly stormy night he came in, sat a few minutes, and then rose and asked if he might speak. Being requested to go on, he said he did not believe in such things at all, but was open to conviction, and if we were right he was terribly wrong. Unasked he immediately went forward, knelt and said, "Pray

for me." During the first prayer he fell prostrate, and seemingly strangled; he tore open his collar and I thought him dead. He was as rigid as if frozen. In a few moments his rigidness gave way, and being assisted to his feet he said, "I have learned the lesson of my life. I have seen the Savior on the cross dying for me, and He has saved me." The whole audience were on their feet, having gathered about, as they supposed, the dying man.

He wrote immediately to his brother and family in Cambridge, narrated his experience, and begged them to seek the Savior. They did so, and still live as Christians in Boston. This letter of four large square pages is now before me, and reads like Paul's account of his conversion. He obtained that letter again, and sent it to me forty years after the event.

I was at his funeral, and his record to the last was that of one who had turned many to righteousness.

This was but one of the many conversions as remarkable as any of which I have ever read. I have never known a more thrilling history than that of these one hundred nights and the results that followed. The detailed account would fill a large volume.

The first fruit of that revival still lives as an example of steadfast devotion and a lifelong helper in every interest of the society. She came into the church as a child would enter the father's house, having no doubt of a welcome there, and calmly states that she is only waiting to enter the house above. She has ever been foremost in every good word and work.

The sister of this devoted woman was a celebrated musician, and played the organ at the church for many years, also writing superior music. She became a sincere convert, and after a devoted life became the victim of a malady that required a difficult surgical operation. Just before starting for the hospital she said to a friend, "Let us sing one more hymn before I go," and seated at the piano she sang with her friend, "O for a faith that will not shrink," etc. In two days she was in Heaven. No funeral in Edgartown ever gathered solargeandso afflicted a congregation, and the choir which had been associated with her for years were overwhelmed with grief as they attempted to sing the hymn she sang just before her death on going to the hospital.

One day at I o'clock I was requested to visit a man who was in great agony. I found him on his knees, with his finger in the Bible at a chapter of Isaiah. He had been in that position from 7 to I o'clock—a picture of despair. On being asked to rise he replied: "Never! I will never rise till God converts my soul." In a few moments he sprang to his feet, seized his hat and hurrying down the street entered every house and told what God had done for him. His wife was very angry and would not speak to him. But just a week later to an hour I was called to see her, and she passed through the same experience as her husband, and visited every house and related her wonderful experience.

One of our retired sea captains had opened a place of entertainment for young men which was well patronized. One night he waited for them, but no one came. He stated that a voice seemed to say to him, "Put out your lights and go and seek the Savior." He obeyed, and midway he turned back, with the thought that he had done a foolish thing. Three times this was repeated, till the lights were extinguished for the last time. He then hastened to the church and immediately went to the altar and sought mercy. Thus the work went on till all Edgartown seemed to have obeyed the heavenly call.

Most of the people and converts of those one hundred nights have passed away. Edgar Baylies, one of the noblest, still lives in the West. He was a model class leader. Three years ago, at a great age, he made his final visit to Edgartown and the Vineyard Camp Ground, and rehearsed the experiences of those days as the most remarkable of his long life. Almost yearly I live over the scene at the graves of the workers and converts of that far off time in the Edgartown Cemetery, where they wait the Resurrection. Jeremiah Pease, Jr., was First Lieutenant in that wonderful campaign, and I tarry there a moment to drop a tear upon his grave.

"And what shall I say more, for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah, of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, and out of weakness were made strong."

REV. T. J. EVERETT.

Presiding Elder New Bedford District.

Thomas J. Everett was born in Polk Co., Iowa, May 30, 1854. His parents were farmers and Methodists. The first of these facts contributed to his health of body, for in his youth he lived in the country. The second fact contributed to his health of soul, for he was reared in a home of piety and prayer. At the age of sixteen he entered Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, graduating at twenty.

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He began preaching when nineteen years old and was soon made a Junior preacher on a circuit having nine appointments. In the fall of 1874 he joined the Des Moines Conference, on trial, and was stationed at Central Church, Council Bluffs. At the end of one year he located in order to enter the School of Theology, Boston University. From this institution he graduated, in 1878, the youngest member of a class of twenty seven and



having the honor of being one of the commencement speakers. The same spring he was married to Miss Sue F. Morrison, Daughter of Rev. E. B. Morrison, of the North Ohio Conference. In April he joined the Providence—now the New England Southern—Conference. He served two foll-term pastorates in the Providence, and has been paster of several other important thurches of the Conference. At St. Paul's, Providence, a debt of \$2000 was jupidated and an extensive revival occurred. At Hope St., Providence, the vestures were renovated and refurnished: a pipe organ placed in the auditorium and all indebtedness of young people began the Christian lite in the regular services, and the auditorium and supplied the sum of \$1000. In 1895 he was appointed Presiding Elder of the New Bedford district which embraces 66 pastoral charges. He was a member of the General Conference of 1896.

THE YARMOUTH CAMP-MEETING.

By Rev. T. J. Everett.

The first camp-meeting on Cape Cod (probably the first in New England) was held in South Wellfleet, August, 1819. "The power of God was displayed among the people and glorious revivals in Provincetown and Eastham followed." Some who attended out of curiosity were arrested by the Holy Spirit and went home deeply convicted. At Eastham, where up to this time no Methodist minister had been allowed to work, such interest was awakened and so many conversions resulted that the Wellfleet pastor was invited to preach and labor among the people. He reported at the next Conference an increase in the membership of his charge of 162, most of whom were Eastham converts. The Eastham church was the result of this awakening.

The next year the camp-meeting was again held with like results. Wilbur Fiske was present at this meeting and after earnest seeking was "filled with the Spirit." Rev. B. R. Hoyt wrote thus of the meeting a few days after its close: "Immediately after the tents were erected, the work began and continued to increase till the meeting closed. On the second day a solid flame of divine love seemed to run through the encampment. The number of converts on this occasion could not be ascertained."

The camp-meeting was continued in South Wellfleet the next two years. Then it was removed to Bound Brook Island, where it was held from 1823-1825. In 1826 the encampment was at Truro, "where thousands heard the preached word and dozens knelt to pray."

The camp-meeting was next held at Eastham, and annually for more than thirty years this "leafy temple" was the scene of remarkable services. Men of power preached and prayed. Many notable conversions occurred. Here Father Taylor, Bartholomew Otheman, Thomas Peirce, Abraham Merrill, Lewis Bates, Jefferson Haskell, Frederick Upham and many others proclaimed the Gospel to the multitudes.

In 1863 the location of the meeting was again changed. Many had come to the Eastham grounds on sailing vessels. The Old Colony Railroad was being built down the Cape and was in operation as far as Yarmouth. The people of Boston and vicinity who had attended the Eastham meeting in large numbers desired a location nearer and easier of access.

In 1862 the Sandwich District Stewards' Meeting took the matter into consideration. A meeting was called in the Yarmouth Methodist Episcopal Church on the 22d of December of that year, at which twenty-seven ministers and laymen were present, with Pardon T.

Kenney, Presiding Elder of the District, in the chair. The Sandwich District Camp-Meeting Association was organized for the "purpose of camp and other grove meetings in the town of Yarmouth."

The name was afterwards changed to "The Yarmouth Campmeeting Association." The first officers were: Pardon T. Kenney, President; Thomas Hilliard and Rufus T. Thatcher, Vice-Presidents; William H. Richards, Secretary, and Obed Nickerson, Treasurer. From that time the presidents of the association have been the presiding elders of the district. D. B. Lovell of Brockton served the association as Treasurer for twenty years, from 1876 to 1896.

The original plot of ground for the camp-meeting was purchased at a cost of \$600. Fifteen hundred dollars was expended in preparing it for the first meeting, which was held in August, 1863. In 1865 six and one-half acres were added, and about 1870 another addition was purchased, making in all forty acres owned by the association. These grounds have been greatly improved and beautified from time to time. Various buildings have been erected, including the keeper's house and Association building. This latter building contains lodging rooms, post-office, police headquarters, Association Hall, etc. Wells have been put down, supplying the encampment with drinking water of the best quality. A beautiful park has been laid out between the railroad and the encampment. A commodious wooden tabernacle, seating fifteen hundred, was built in 1800 at a cost of about \$2,400. Altogether this camp ground is one of the most beautiful and wellappointed in New England. Some notable conversions have occurred upon these grounds and thousands of people continue to attend the services held here annually. The officers of the association at the present time are:

President—T. J. Everett, New Bedford, Mass. Vice-Presidents—W. P. Buck, Provincetown, Mass. G. N. Mansell, Harwich, Mass. Secretary—Olin E. Snow, Provincetown, Mass. Treasurer and Agent—Isaiah Snow, Truro, Mass.



HANOVER SQUARE, YARMOUTH CAMP-GROUND.



INTERIOR VIEW YARMOUTH TABERNACLE.

NEW BEDFORD DISTRICT LEAGUE.

By Mrs. R. S. Douglas.

In writing the history of such an organization, all must know that much that has made it a power, that has kept it effective, and created the influence that has reached beyond all of our thought already and will continue to be a power through all time, and even into eternity, must be unwritten. So this report will be like a framework, giving outlines only, while those who have been workers here will fill in the spaces with pleasant memories of faces, churches, and events.

The first idea of this District League had birth in a gathering held in the Memorial M. E. Church, Plymouth, at which Leaguers from several neighboring churches were present. As a result of suggestions made at that meeting, Rev. Walter S. Ela, then P. E., called a meeting of delegates from the various Young People's societies of the district at the Allen Street M. E. Church, New Bedford, June 11th, 1890. There were present fifty-four delegates, representing twenty-three leagues, four junior leagues and five Young People's societies, including in all 1,481 members. Here the District League was organized, its constitution formed, and its officers elected. Rev. H. C. Scripps was appointed president.

The next convention was held October 21st, 1891, at Grace Church, Taunton, when one hundred delegates, representing twenty-six leagues, were present. During the year the district lost one of its most interested and faithful workers. Mr. Richard S. Clark of Fall River, the Corresponding Secretary, and one of the first to conceive the idea of the District League, was suddenly called to present his life's report above. It is the only death of an active district officer since the organizing of the League.

From these beginnings the district work has been continued. Annual conventions have been held in Allen Street, County Street and Pleasant Street Churches, New Bedford; First and Grace Churches, Taunton; First Church, Fall River, and Memorial Church, Plymouth. Beside these sub-district gatherings have been beneficial to many churches and leagues. The District Presidents have been as follows: Rev. H. C. Scripps, Mr. Robert T. Raymond of New Bedford; Rev. William S. Davis (two years), Rev. B. F. Simon (two years) and Mr. H. L. Johnson of Plymouth. This organization, combining the leagues of the District, each teaching and receiving from the others, has been a power throughout the District. It has not only been a bond that has joined the several leagues together, but it has united them to much of the connectional work of the denomination. The conventions have been practically helpful,

and have been broad in the work represented by the speakers. Within our boundaries are two Deaconess Homes—one, the gift of Mr. John D. Flint, in Fall River, the other in Providence—from both of which the Deaconesses go forth to minister to all in need of their sympathy or care, but to the Epworth Leagues do they owe much of the help that enables them to carry on their work. While much loving assistance has been rendered to the Deaconess' Home and Hospital in Boston, in no district in our Conference has the Epworth League Home in Boston had warmer friends. Other foreign and missionary fields have been assisted by its existence, while local missionary work, growth of interest in literary culture, pure social intercourse, and above all the prayer meeting and the interest in salvation of those about us, have all received an impetus and power the results of which only eternity can reveal.

In 1892 this league issued a booklet called "What We Can Do. A Handbook for Epworth Leagues." The first edition was of 1,500 copies. Its helpfulness was so generally and unexpectedly appreciated that in 1893 an edition of 2,000 was published, which was followed in 1895 by a third edition of 4,000 copies. Each edition was revised and enlarged. Recognizing the unity of work and purpose manifested at Chattanooga by the leagues of Canada and of the M. E. Church, North and South, the committee placed on the cover of the third edition the badges of the different leagues, and in other ways re-adapted the book to the use of these three divisions of leaguers.

It has been sold in over thirty states of our Union, in Canada, Bermuda, and Mexico, and has received universal commendation for its suggestions and practical helpfulness.

There are now fifty-three senior leagues, with a membership of 3,250, and seventeen junior leagues, with a membership of about 700, in our District.

While the first excitement and enthusiasm of league work has passed, all must realize that to-day in the New Bedford District no one organization within the church is more helpful in its power of unifying the interests of the churches of the District, in bringing about a pleasant personal acquaintance amongst the young people, of awakening their desires for helpfulness to all good causes than our New Bedford District League.



EDUCATORS FORMERLY MEMBERS OF OUR CONFERENCE.

Daniel Dorchester, Pres. Geo. E. Reed. Pres. B. W. Hutchinson.

Prof. L. T. TOWNSEND. Ex-Pres. C. H. PAYNE. Prof. SAMUEL F. UPHAM. Pres. F. J. WAGNER.
Pres. B. P. RAYMOND.
Prof. WILBUR F. STEELE.

M. E. CHURCH, ACUSHNET, MASS.

One of the oldest Methodist churches in the District, and the oldest in Bristol County is that in Acushnet village. Its founders were members of the Congregational Society near by. They were attracted by the earnestness of manner and spiritual zeal of Methodist preachers



THE ACUSHNET CHURCH.

who preached in this vicinity in attics and in great kitchens at the very opening of the century. This soon led them to desire a Methodist society, and on the 2d day of Aug. 1807, "The Methodist Church of Fairhaven and New Bedford" was organized. The leading layman in this movement was John Hawes, a resident of the place and a master mariner.

He was led to a Godly life by a Methodist minister in a little chapel in a narrow lane, London,

The minister whom he invited to come here to lead the people up to this organization was Epaphras Kibby, who was the first stationed minister to the society.

The original members were John Hawes, Benj. Dillingham, Free-

born Nye, Dan'l Summerton, Hannah Summerton, Jedidah Haskell, Meribah Spooner, Nancy Danforth. When Mr. Kibby closed his labors here in 1809 there were 64 members.

Captain Hawes gave the lot for the first meeting-house, where the present one stands.

Edward Dillingham, one of the early members, bequeathed his home to the church for a parsonage, which has been occupied by the ministers for many decades, but is just now being replaced by a handsome new parsonage.

The present church edifice was dedicated during the pas-



THE ACUSHNET PARSONAGE. This Represents it Unfinished.

torate of Richard Donkersly, March 9, 1854.

All the Methodist churches of the southern tier of towns in Bristol County were offsprings of this society. The original members of those churches with filial affection called this the "mother church."

Epaphras Kibby, to the first members, was the greatest pastor and indeed under his care the church had its greatest growth and proved its right to exist and its ability to bring forth bountiful fruits.

No close record is kept of Edward T. Taylor's work ("Father Taylor," afterwards of Boston Bethel), but no doubt even in these, his youthful years, he did a good work for God.



REV. H. H. CRITCHLOW.



MRS. H. H. CRITCHLOW.

J. A. M. Chapman and W. T. Worth, who have since become metropolitan preachers and leaders in the Master's work, each began their pastoral labors here with blessed results.

From 1873 to 1876 Chas. E. Walker was in charge. Perhaps the greatest ingathering of souls in the church's history was in these years. Many who still toil faithfully in the Lord's vineyard date their Christian life from that time.

In October, 1877, C. L. Goodell began his ministerial labors as a supply. His work, as well as that of his successors, has been uniformly successful in bringing the community nearer the perfect life.

During the pastorate of E. B. Gurney, the audience room was renovated and frescoed, a new pulpit suit was placed in the church and the floor was recarpeted, etc., at an expense of about \$600, all of which was provided for before the re-opening.

Of those who still abide among us as beloved superannuates, Rev. Samuel Fox, Rev. B. K. Bosworth and Rev. E. A. Lyon are held in grateful remembrance for their efficient and faithful labors. Rev.

N. W. Jordan, so early called to be with God, was loved by all for his sweet ministry of comfort.

The pastors of later years who wrought nobly and strengthened as well as extended the walls of Zion, are still waging a good warfare and carrying the banners of Christ on to victory. Among this number is the Compiler and Editor of this Souvenir History. The people of this church remember with grateful hearts the years of successful labor with him, and the prosperity in all lines of church work during his pastorate with them.

During the present pastorate, Mr. Lemuel Dillingham and Mrs.



JNO. R. THOMPSON, Sunday School Superintendent.



WM. A. GURNEY, Epworth League President.

Olive Washburn have been called home at goodly age. Many of the older members are still blessing the world. Mrs. Alice Stacy has been a member seventy-one years.

The new parsonage, of which a cut appears, has been looked forward to for many days, and now will be an honor to the society.

Rev. E. A. Lyon found his present wife here. This church is proud to name among her spiritual children, Rev W. I. Ward, an honored member of our Conference, who was converted here when only a boy and licensed to preach by recommendation from this church in March, 1875.

PASTORS.

Epaphras Kibby 1821-22. Solomon Sias (founder 1806-08. 1809. Nehemiah Coye of Zion's Herald) Edward T. Taylor 1810. Levi Walker 1812-16. Nehemiah Cove (Father Taylor) (Located and supplied.) Erastus Otis 1824. 1817-18. Benj. R. Hoyt Leonard Bennett 1825. 1818-20. Shipley W. Wilson LaRoy Sunderland 1826.

1827.	Leonard B. Griffin
1828.	Robert Easterbrooks
1829.	Elias C. Scott
1830.	Jas. Porter



HON, FR	ANKLYN HOWLAND.		
1831. S	am'l Drake		
1832. V	Villiam Baxter		
). Sperry		
1834-35. T	homas Ely		
1836. I). H. Bannister		
	ranklin Fisk		
1838. C	Inesiphorus Robbins		
1839-40. I	Lemuel Harlow		
A local supply.			
1841. C	tis Wilder		
1842-43. J	os. Macreading		
1844.	leo. Winchester		
1845. V	Villiam Cone		
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Dan'l Webb 1846. Randall Mitchell 1847. 1848 49. Geo. W. Wooding Jas. B. Weeks 1850. 1851. Nathan Paine 1852-53. Richard Donkersly 1854. J. A. M. Chapman E. Franklin Hinks 1855. 1856. Philip Crandon 1857. A. Latham B. L. Sayer 1858-59. W. T. Worth 1860-61. Samuel Fox 1862-63. 1864 Israel Washburn Died during year. 1864. Thos. Ely E. H. Hatfield 1865-66. Geo. W. Wooding 1867-68. B. K. Bosworth 1869. E. A. Lyon 1870-72. 1873-75. Chas. E. Walker E. H. Hatfield 1876. Jos. E. Sears 1877--Resigned during year. 1877-79. 1880-81. C. L. Goodell Geo. M. Hamlen 1882. N. W. Jordan Edward Williams 1883-85. 1886-87. Chas. S. Davis 1888--F. A. Crafts Died during year. R. M. Wilkins 1888-89. E. B. Gurney 1890-92. 1893-94. Rennetts C. Miller 1895. O. A. Farley

H. H. Critchlow

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

1896--

Trustees-J. R. Allen, Rev. E. A. Lyon, M. S. Douglass, G. M. Nichols, Jno. A. Russell, G. B. Borden, Mrs. Franklyn Howland,

W. A. Gurney.

Stewards-J. R. Allen, G. M. Nichols, M. S. Douglass, Chas. Trull, J. R. Thompson, Jr., G. B. Borden, Mrs. G. B. Borden, Mrs. Pamelia Allen, Alexander Houston, Mrs. Lydia Jenney, Mrs. E. A. Lyon, Franklyn Howland, Caroline S. Cushman (R. S.).

Epworth League-President, W. A. Gurney; First Vice-President, Jennie Gardner; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Job Haskins; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Emma H. Howland; Fourth Vice-President, Emma Poulson; Sec., Lizzie Andrews; Treas., Alberta Darling.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Jno. R. Thompson, Jr.; Assistant Superintendent, W. A. Gurney; Secretary, Thos. O. Hathaway; Librarian, May Hathaway.

M. E. CHURCH, BARNSTABLE, MASS. By Miss Ellen F. Crocker.

This old church was organized very early in the present century, probably in 1813, by Rev. Aaron Lummis. The house of worship was built upon the town's land at the western limit of the old East Parish, upon a hill, opposite the farmhouse of William Crocker. It



THE BARNSTABLE CHURCH.

was the only Methodist church in that vicinity, and people came from the adjoining villages of West Barnstable, Cotuit, Marston's Mills. Centreville. Hyannis and Barnstable town. In those days people were in the habit of going to church; indeed, the male population, was liable to a fine if they did not attend church twice during the year, consequently the pews were usually filled. As more people attended from Barnstable town than the other villages it was finally deemed advisable to move the church.

In 1837 Loring Crocker, William Crocker, Elijah Loring, and John Bassett of Barnstable and Joseph Holway of

Sandwich, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Society, purchased of Lot and Rebecca Hinckley a piece of land eighty-four feet square about a mile east of its first site, and the old church was sawn in halves and removed to its present location.

Here the society continued to flourish until about 1850, when a religious excitement broke out among the members, which ran into fanaticism. Shoutings and "religious exercises" were common in the church and some would pray, sing and shout in the streets or wherever they happened to be. One woman proclaimed herself the Messiah, and claimed the power of conferring the Holy Ghost. Finally, some were arrested for disturbing the peace, and two lodged in jail, but were soon bailed out, and a trial was held in a large barn, as the Court House was being built, but not finished. This put an end to the disturbances, but it was a blow from which the church never recovered. A little later, when the wave of modern Spiritualism came

this way, those who had come out from the church embraced that doctrine and the church was again weakened.

The records of the church previous to about 1870 have been lost; since then this church has been incorporated with the Yarmouthport Society, one pastor doing the work for the two societies until the Yarmouthport Society died out, about 1880. After that the Barnstable Society struggled along alone, and uniting a part of the time with the society at Centreville.

Then, as the years went on, the fathers and mothers in Israel sought the Promised Land, and there were none to fill their places; thus the life of the church gradually went out.

Many preachers and lecturers have said that they found nowhere more intelligent or appreciative audiences than upon Cape Cod. After other churches were established at Marston's Mills, Osterville and Centreville, the pastorate at Barnstable still covered a large territory. But yet it reduced the Barnstable parish. Barnstable was once an important seaport with large fishing interests. But things have changed here, as in other places on Cape Cod. As the place has no large business or manufacturing interests its young people have gradually drifted to the cities, and the church suffered accordingly. Many of the brightest and most intelligent business and professional men have gone from Barnstable to the cities. It has been this fact of a loss of the young people here that has made the work of the church so discouraging during the past twenty-five years and caused it to be closed in 1894.

How strong or far reaching its influence has been no one can tell until the deeds of men shall be made known.

PASTORS.

1818-19. 1820	Benjamin Hazleton	1831-32.	F. Upham and J. B.
1821	Isaac Jennison E. T. Taylor and		Brown A. Holway
1823	Thomas Smith Lewis Bates and Geo	1834	W. Ramsdell and B. M. Walker
0	Weeks	1835	J. Steele and L. K.
1824	Lewis Bates and J. M.	0 (Bannister
*****	Maffet	1836.	J. Steele and H. H.
1825	Hezekiah Thatcher		Smith
1826	H. Thatcher and Chas.	1837	E. Otis
	G. Chase	1838	Josiah Litch
1827	Enoch Bradley	1839	Henry H. Smith
1828	Warren Wilbur	1840	Eliphlet Jackson
1829	H. Bronson and S.	1841	J. W. Chase and W. S.
	Heath		Campbell
1830	H. Bronson and C.	1842-43.	George W. Stearns
	Noble	1843	G. H. Winchester

1844	D. Stebbins	1871	V. W. Mattoon
1845	E. A. Lyon	1873-74.	Silas Sprowls
1846	Wm. Richards	1875-78.	Students from Boston
1847	Henry Mayo		University
1848	James M. Worcester	1879-80.	T. B. Gurney
1849-50.	G. W. Stearns	1881-82.	C. F. Sharpe
1851-52.	Edward B. Hinckley	1883-85.	Philo Hawks
1853-54.	James B. Weeks	1886	H. N. Donnell
1855	Joseph Marsh	1887	Students from Boston
1856-61.	Daniel Webb		University
1862-66.	Seth B. Chase	1888	E. F. Newell
1867	Caleb S. Sanford	1889	George Bernreuter
1868	S. Y. Wallace	1890	R. S. Moore
1869	S. W. Coggeshall (six	1891	J. F. Prior
	months)	1892	R. C. Miller
1869-71.	N. B. Fisk (six mos.)	1893	J. S. Meracle

M. E. CHURCH, BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

The origin of the First M. E. Church of Bridgewater, Mass., is an illustration of the living power and divine principle of growth which inheres in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and which has marked the progress of His Kingdom from the beginning to the pres-



THE BRIDGEWATER CHURCH.

ent time. Like the use and spread of that world-wide polity of which it forms a part, this church owes its birth to the inspiration and zeal enkindled by a genuine conversion.

While visiting at Raynham, Mass., Miss Abbie F. Lawrence, now Mrs. F. C. Gammons, was converted in a revival meeting conducted by Rev. W. F. Steele.

She immediately returned to her home in Bridgewater filled with a desire to have Methodist meetings started there, and on Tuesday, April 14, 1874, she began to solicit subscriptions for that purpose. Going from house to house telling the story of her conversion and receiving

the pledges of the people for the amounts they were willing to contribute, she obtained the sum of four hundred and eighty-one dollars.

Having now secured a basis for the support of preaching, the people at once proceeded to engage a "supply."

The first pastor was Rev. George H. Baker, a student in the School of Theology of Boston University. He came to Bridgewater



REV. R. C. GROSE, Pastor.

on Saturday, May 2, 1874. In the meantime the old Swedenborgian church had been rented, and in that place, at half past ten A. M., on Sunday, May 3d, he preached his first sermon from the words found in John xii, 21: "We would see Jesus."

It was found that there were a number of persons interested in the movement who held church letters from places whence they had removed to Bridgewater, but who, in the absence of Methodist services, had attended the services of other churches. These were now formed into a "class" and the society or church was duly constituted. The pastor led the class for the first

few months, but in February of the year 1875, Ferdinand C. Gammons was appointed to that office. Three of the original members, F. C. Gammons, Mrs. Abbie Lawrence Gammons (nee Abbie F. Lawrence), and Mahala C. Harriman, still remain earnest workers in the church.

Under the earnest and abundant labors of Rev. G. H. Baker, a Sunday School was organized and the society passed the first months of its life with the hopefulness and glow of youthful enthusiasm. During the succeeding years the work of the church has been carried on with varying success. Quite a large number of names has been added to the membership, but death and removals have kept the list comparatively small.

During the pastorate of George W. Coon, the Swedenborgian church was purchased by the society for the sum of \$900, and the deed was received May 12, 1879. A board of trustees was elected and organized as a corporation June 12, 1879. In March, 1890, Mrs. Cordelia B. Jones, an honored member of the church, died, leaving by her last will \$2,000 to the trustees of our Conference to be held in trust for the benefit of this church, the interest thereon to be paid annually to the trustees. The entire amount has been invested here and a parsonage property and a commodious double house, each containing ten large rooms, are the results. Hence the church of this

place has practically the use of both principal and interest as long as it shall continue to exist, and Mrs. Jones will ever be held in grateful remembrance for her generous liberality.

In 1880 extensive repairs were made on the church building amounting to \$600, Rev. W. F. Farrington, the pastor at the time, doing much toward accomplishing the desired end.



THE BRIDGEWATER PARSONAGE.

In 1894 under the successful pastorate of Rev. Luther E. Lovejoy the church building was completely remodeled at a cost of over \$1,600, making it a beautiful and serviceable place of worship. It is very apparent that the church has made substantial and permanent growth. Its hold upon the town has been constantly increasing and in the near future it is hoped and expected that this will be one of the strong appointments of the Conference.

PASTORS.

1874. 1875. 1875. 1876-77. 1878. 1879. 1879-80. 1881-82.	George H. Baker J. R. Wood W. G. Wilson T. J. Everett C. H. Morgan G. W. Coon W. F. Farrington J. B. Hingeley W. A. Wright	1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892-94, 1895,	J. A. Rood G. E. Dunbar R. J. Kellogg J. N. Geisler G. Bernreuter R. E. Smith L. E. Lovejoy J. F. Porter R. C. Grose
1883. 1884-85.	W. A. Wright E. S. Fletcher	1896—	R. C. Grose

Sunday School—A. F. Sprague, Superintendent; Herman Gammons, Secretary and Treasurer.

Epworth League—Professor A. Osuna, President; Agnes Deering, Secretary.

M. E. CHURCH, BRYANTVILLE, MASS.

On January 7, 1825, the Rev. B. Otheman, then stationed at the Duxbury M. E. Church, was invited to preach in this vicinity. Much interest and seriousness being apparent among the people, Mr. Otheman engaged Rev. Robert Gould, a local preacher, to go to Pem-



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broke. This brought the formation of a Methodist class about February 9, 1825, and the stationing in this place of Rev. William R. Stone, under the direction of the presiding elder. In 1826, the church appears in the Conference minutes by the name of Pembroke. The labors of the Rev. William Ramsdell were much blessed, and though the church was kept in an unsettled state through many of the pastors leaving after but a short stay, it enjoyed much prosperity and frequently extensive revivals occurred.

During the years 1840-44 the church suffered much through local dissatisfaction on account of the Episcopacy of the Church and the

meeting-house was closed from regular preaching services. But on petitioning the Conference for a minister the name of Pembroke again appeared on the minutes of the Conference and thus the work went on. In the years 1857-58, under the leadership of G. S. Alexander, quite an extensive revival took place. During the years 1862-63 a member of the East Maine Conference, Rev. J. A.



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Steele, became pastor. This was a trying time for the church, as a few of the most earnest workers passed to that bourne from which no traveler returns, and others filled with patriotism enlisted in the army to fight for their country.

Again the church suffered because of no pastor being duly appointed by Conference, though there was preaching occasionally. After a short period the Conference again took up the charge and interest on all lines of Christian work was resumed with Charles N. Hinckley as pastor, and thus the work went on under the various



REV. J. O. RUTTER, Pastor.



MRS. J. O. RUTTER.

pastors, sometimes with an increased revival interest, sometimes at very low ebb, but always with a faithful pious few standing firm and true.

The society has been known for some years back as the Bryant-ville M. E. Church and is pleasantly situated in the town of Pembroke, Plymouth County. Some years ago a pleasant parsonage, with adjacent grounds, was left to the society by Mr. Damon, deceased. About four years ago an Epworth League was organized by Rev. R. E. Smith, and is in fair working order. There is also a Ladies' Aid Society in connection with the church. During the past year the society underwent a severe trial through the death of their beloved pastor, Rev. C. P. Flanders, February, 1897, during the third year of his pastorate.

During the past year the parsonage has been almost remodeled and thoroughly renovated. The society now enjoys a very pleasant place for worship.

Many of the pastors have enjoyed blessed revivals.

PASTORS.

1826-28. W. R. Stone. 1829 A. Loomis and A. Toselyn. 1830-31. William Ramsdell. I. Barnes and B. King 1832



HERMAN BEAL. Epworth League President.

1833 I. Bailey E. C. Scott. 1834-35. 1841-42. D. Stebbins. Lewis Bates 1845 1846 J. French 1847 J. D. King I. French 1848

1849 A Adams J. C. Fifield G. H. Winchester 1850-51. 1852. E. Blake 1853 J. B. Washburn 1854 G. S. Alexander 1856-57. J. B. Weeks 1858 Josiah Higgins 1859 N. P. Selee J. A. Steele 1860-61. 1862-63. C. N. Hinckley 1864-66. Franklin Sears 1867 1868-69. E. S. Fletcher Philip Crandon 1870 1871-72. W. F. Farrington 1873 J. W. Malcolm W. B. Heath 1874 N. W. Chase 1875-76. J. E. Corley 1877 1878-79. I. B. Washburn W. I. Ward 1880-81. S. F. Harriman т882 1883 A. L. Hoyt J. F. Cooper 1883-84. 1885-86. V. W. Mattoon J. S. Thomas 1887-88. F. H. Ellis 1889 F. D. Sargent 1890 F. D. Fisher 1891. 1892-93. R. E. Smith C. P. Flanders 1894-96. 1897 — J. O. Rutter

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

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Sunday School-Rev. J. O. Rutter, Superintendent; Mrs. Helen Beal, Assistant Superintendent; Herman Beal, Secretary and Treasurer; George E. Clark, Librarian; Abbie Gorham, Assistant Librarian.

Teachers—G. Kilbreth, Mrs. P. S. Damon, Mrs. Annie Rutter, L. W. Reed, Mrs. Helen Beal, Mrs. M. A. Clark.

District Steward—S. T. Niles.

Class Leader—S. T. Niles.

Epworth League—Herman Beal, President; Lawrence Reed, First Vice-President; Mrs. H. Pratt, Second Vice-President; Mrs. H. Beale, Secretary and Treasurer.

M. E. CHURCH, BOURNE, MASS.

The history of this village reaches far into the past. As early as 1622 this place was visited by Gov. Bradford, and five years later, when it was known as Monument (a corruption of the Indian name Manomet), a trading-house was built by the people of Plymouth be-



THE BOURNE CHURCH.

side the river which flows back of the church. The location was so favorable for its intended uses that much business was done with the Indians, and more especially with the people of New Amsterdam. Possibly because of these early relations, and partly because this stands as the gateway of Cape Cod, Jesse Lee preached here (1791) a little more than two years after his first sermon in New England. His message was gladly received by some steadfast persons, and, three years later, when Joshua Hall was appointed to Cape Cod and stationed in this town, a class of thirteen members was formed whose descendants in large part constitute the church of the present day.

But it was a time of most intense opposition. The modern sym-

pathy between Christians of different denominations was not yet in vogue; the established church was strong and possessed of all the prestige which comes from vested rights and an undoubted social standing. Theologically and in other respects a Methodist minister was an Ishmaelite, and to ostracize him and his followers constituted an unquestioned proof of piety. So it came about that the first class-leader, John



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Perry, had his cow sold at auction to pay the parish tax, and many others suffered scarcely less. But Methodism slowly won its way and, since the obstructionists were good people, they finally ceased to persecute. This process continued, and, some years since, when the parish church had been struck by lightning and burned it was felt that our society met so well the spiritual demand that the Congregationalists decided to leave the field to their former rivals and, in a most fraternal spirit, help them to cultivate it.

The first church was erected in 1831, and will ever be a monument



REV. R. E. SCHUH.



MRS. R. E. SCHUH.

to Capt. Ellis M. Swift. At a time when but \$20 was subscribed, he bought the lumber and shipped it from Maine in his own vessel; he hired the workmen and paid all bills and trusted to the future for reimbursement. The bulding was repaired in 1844 and 1845, and enlarged in 1883 at a cost of \$2500.

In 1891, during the pastorate of C. S. Davis, a commodious summer chapel, costing \$3300, was built at Monument Beach, in the south neighborhood.

In its long history this society has owned but two parsonages. The first fell into decay and was sold. A syndicate then bought a house and leased it to the pastor at a low figure. As this arrangement did not prove satisfactory, in 1869 the present parsonage was purchased, and by numerous additions and improvements has been made a very roomy and comfortable home.

There have been revivals at various times. Altogether the church has shown a remarkable vitality, and the centennial celebration, in October, 1894, called attention anew to God's kindly leading. Of self-sacrificing men and women there have been many whose names it would be a pleasure to recall.

PASTORS.

The list of pastors is a long and in many respects a notable one.

1794.	Joshua Hall	1804.	Joshua Snelling
1795-96.		1805.	Moses Currier
1798.	Epaphras Kibby	1806.	Erastus Otis and Na-
1799.	Daniel Webb and		thaniel Elder
	Reuben Jones	1807.	Thomas Asbury
1800-01.	Joshua Soule (after-	1808.	Joseph Snelling and
	wards Bishop)		Joseph Merrill
1802-03.	David Bachelor		7

This was Joseph Snelling's third pastoral term here; probably because he had married his wife from this place.



ABRAM F. SWIFT, Sunday School Superintendent.



C. H. PHINNEY, Epworth League President.

1809.	Joseph Snelling and	1821.	Edward T. Taylor and
	Benjamin Lombard		Benjamin Brown
1810.	Stephen Baley	1822.	Frederick Upham
1811-12.	Aaron Lummis	1823.	Aaron D. Sargent
1813.	Stephen Baley	1824.	Jonathan Mayhew
1814.	William Frost and	1825.	Erastus Otis and John
·	Thomas Pierce		Hutchinson
1815.	John W. Handy and	1826-27.	Frederick Uphain
	Richard Emory	1828.	Enoch Bradley and Na-
1816.	Moses Fifield		than Spaulding
1817-19.	Benjamin Hezelton	1829-30.	Frederick Upham
1820.	Edward T. Taylor		*

Stationed here the third time, perhaps because he had married his wife here. The Rev. S. F. Upham was not born here, but was brought here when a small child, and his mother's home is still standing.

1831-32. 1833. 1834.	Joel Steele, Lewis Janson, Joseph Marsh and C. C. Noble J. J. Bliss and Josiah Litch Joseph Barstow	1844. 1845. 1846-47. 1848. 1849-50. 1851. 1852. 1853. 1854. 1855.	G. W. Brewster Heman Perry N. Goodrich William H. Richards D. H. Swinerton Joseph Macreading S. Stebbings John B. Hunt. E. B. Hinckley E. S. Stanley for a few months, then Lemuel Harlow
MR	S. W. V. MORRISON.	1856-58. 1859. 1860-61. 1862-63. 1864. 1865-66. 1867-69. 1870-71. 1872-74.	Franklin Sears J. B. Washburn George H. Winchester Asa U. Swinerton. He died during the year, and his term by various supplies. G. A. Silversteine John B. Husted Philo Hawkes C. N. Hinckley E. S. Fletcher
1835-6. 1837. 1838. 1839. 1840-41. 1842. 1843.	Philip Crandon (also serving as village schoolmaster) Abraham Holway Joseph Brown N. Mayo Joseph Marsh Nathan Paine Anthony Palmer	1875-76. 1877. 1878-79. 1880-82. 1883-85. 1886-88. 1889-90. 1891-92. 1893-95. 1896-—	J. H. Humphrey E. J. Ayres A. L. Dearing C. N. Hinckley R. Burn J. G. Gammons J. Q. Adams C. S. Davis N. C. Alger R. E. Schuh

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Epworth League—President, C. H. Phinney; First Vice- President, J. L. Bourne; Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. Phinney; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Alice Bourne.

M. E. CHURCH, BERKELEY, MASS.

By E. H. Allen.

The Trinitarian Congregational Society in Berkeley was organized March 1, 1848. Rev. L. R. Eastman, their first pastor, commenced service the first Sabbath in April, 1848, and left the last Sabbath in March, 1856. Rev. James A. Roberts commenced his



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pastorate the first Sabbath in April, 1856, and left off the last Sabbath in September, 1872, to "rest," as he said; and died the following November in his eighty-fourth year. Rev. G. W. Wright was employed as a supply and commenced the first Sabbath in October, 1872, and continued until March 5, 1873, at which time the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Berkeley was organized. In 1875 a very pleasant and commodious building was erected at an expense of \$7,500 for the First Methodist Church in Berkeley.

The following is quoted from the first records: "The following named persons constitute the official board of the First Methodist-Episcopal church in the town of Berkeley, organized on Wednesday, March 5, 1873, at the now Methodist-Episcopal chapel in the aforesaid Berkeley, viz., A. B. Crane, William Babbitt, P. F. Fletcher, Isaac Seymour, Barnard Norcutt, S. H. Cudworth, Henry W. Clark, Benjamin Luther, F. H. Coombs, R. B. Eaton, B. F. Cheney and D. S. Briggs. Stewards—A. B. Crane, Philip H. Fletcher, D. S. Briggs, Benjamin Luther, William Babbitt, Benjamin F. Cheney, R. B. Eaton, F. H. Coombs, Isaac Seymour (R. S.), A. B. Crane, (D. S.), D. S. Briggs. Trustees—Albert French, William Babbitt, Henry Clark, D. S. Briggs, William Boyce, A. B. Crane, W. D. Nichols, Barnard Norcutt, Samuel Cudworth."

PASTORS.

1873. 1874-76. 1877. 1878-79. 1880-82.	G. W. Wright C. H. Ewer C. S. Nutter J. H. Humphrey Richard Burn	1888-90. 1891. 1892-93. 1894. 1895.	J. W. Willett W. R. Ridington E. M. Hill B. McCarty
1880-82.	Richard Burn		
1883-85. 1886-87.	A. N. Bodfish E. S. Fletcher	1896. 1897.	E. B. Gurney Richard Knowles

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E. H. ALLEN, Sunday School Superintendent.



MRS. LIZZIE HOXIE. Epworth League President.

Sunday School—E. H. Allen, Superintendent; Teachers, Abbie Caswell, William Caswell, Angeline Bassett, Emma P. Bassett, Mary L. Corey.

Epworth League—President, Mrs. Lizzie Hoxie; First Vice-President, Miss Olivia Hatch; Second Vice-President, Miss Frances Conant; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Bertha Cummings; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Edna M. Hoxie.

M. E. CHURCH, CATAUMET AND POCASSET, MASS.

This double charge formerly bore the latter name. In the autobiography of Rev. Joseph Snelling, that pioneer Methodist preacher of "the Cape," who, in company with Jesse Lee and other itinerants, faithfully and successfully sowed Methodist seed among the sand dunes



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of Cape Cod, from Provincetown to Wood's Hole, and across on the islands of the seas, occurs this paragraph:

"I now left the traveling connection, and resided in Pocasset, the second parish in Sandwich. The people in Pocasset desiring me to be their preacher, I consented, and continued four or five years. We had a good meeting-house, and a large and steady congregation." Mr. Snelling resided in this neighborhood about 1808-13. He was a native of Boston, a man of great affability of manners and kindness of heart, an able and earnest preacher, commanding the love and respect of all. In the course of his ministry there were extraordinary revivals, often accompanied by remarkable displays of divine power, persons being greatly wrought upon physically. The church was greatly strengthened during his administration, the society being organized and the ordinances regularly administered. The reason assigned by Mr. Snelling for leaving Pocasset is given in his own words:

"I resided in Sandwich till after the commencement of the last war (1812). Suffering some privations and inconveniences, usually attendant upon war, I thought it best to remove from there as soon as opportunity offered. I lived on the sea-board, and my house was near the shore. The English vessels sometimes anchored in Buzzard's Bay, a short distance from my house. In some places they came

ashore in their barges, and made their depredations, being quite an annoyance to the inhabitants. Our friends in Pocasset were very unwilling that I should leave them, and it was a great trial to me; but, after considering the matter, I concluded it was my duty to go. We had always lived in harmony and good feeling towards each other, and we found it hard parting." The house which Mr. Snelling occupied is still in the village, though removed about half a mile south of its first location. It is now owned and occupied by Mr. George A. Swift, one of the official members of the church. An ancient tomb-



REV. W. D. WOODWARD.



MRS. W. D. WOODWARD.

stone in the cemetery opposite the church marks the resting-place of his first wife, "Hannah Snelling, consort of Rev. Joseph Snelling, who departed this life June 13, 1812, aged 34."

From 1815 to 1822 Pocasset was supplied by such itinerants as Frederick Upham, Erastus Otis, Levi Nye, etc. From 1822 to about 1830 the church was under the rule of the Reformed Methodists. But about 1830 Father Snelling, who had joined the Methodist Protestant Church, came to a camp-meeting held in South Pocasset, and persuaded nearly all of the Reformed Societies to become churches of the Methodist Protestant body. About the year 1835 the first Methodist Protestant Church in Sandwich was organized in Pocasset, with This form of government lasted until 1866. about 40 members. About 1839 the meeting-house was moved partially around, a new front with tower and belfry was added, and the old-fashioned box pews gave place to those of more modern style. About \$1650 was thus expended. It was during the year 1854 that the present small parsonage was moved up from Barlow Landing, and placed opposite the church. This house, with the addition of a small kitchen, has served as the home of many preachers for over forty years, and at the present time efforts are being made to build a larger and more convenient residence. In 1866 Rev. Lorenzo D. Johnson, a former pastor, came to Pocasset, and having joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, persuaded the society to again unite with that branch of Methodism under whose auspices it had had its birth. Accordingly in August, 1866, under the presiding eldership of Rev. Thomas Elya reorganization was effected. Mr. Johnson died in January, 1867, and was buried in the church cemetery.

For the greater portion of this history we are indebted to a full record written by the late Ebenezer Nye, father of David D. Nye, who is a prominent member of the church, and also of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Bourne, since its setting off from Sandwich in 1884.

During the pastorate of Rev. E. B. Gurney, the church was moved out of its location, within the cemetery enclosure, across the street. A vestry was placed beneath, new stained-glass windows and new seats were added. The church was painted and shingled, and altogether remodeled at an expense of about \$5,000, most of which is paid. It is now one of the finest church buildings of its size in the Conference. Captain Henry Clement is janitor. Up to this year Mr. David D. Nye had been the faithful and efficient Recording Steward for a period of thirty years.

PASTORS.



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1808-13. Joseph Snelling Lorenzo D. Johnson 1866-67. Joseph Marsh 1867-70. H. B. Cady 1870-71. 1871-72. Franklyn Sears Charles W. Ryder 1872-73. 1873-74. Henry F. A. Patterson 1874-76. S. W. Coggeshall D. M. Rogers 1876-79. Edward Williams 1879-81. 1881-88. Samuel Fox 1888-89. L. M. Flocken 1889-91. J. H. Buckey 1891-92. William Kirkby B. K. Bosworth 1892-94. 1894-96. E. B. Gurney 1896-97. I. E. Duxbury W. D. Woodward 1897 —

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L. B. Handy, Mary E. Little, T. C. Swift.

Sunday School—Superintendent, F. K. Irwin. Junior League—President, Mrs. W. D. Woodward.

POCASSET PEOPLE'S CHURCH.

This building was erected about four years ago, at a cost of \$1,400, all paid for. It is a very neat church, and well sustained by a heroic few. Services are held Sabbath afternoons and one evening a week. This church is about two miles from the Cataumet house of



POCASSET PEOPLE'S CHURCH.

worship. Mr. P. Henry Phinney is Sunday-School Superintendent. Teachers are William B. Blackwell, Miss Kate Dockray, Mrs. McAllister, Mrs. Perry. Mr. Thomas Adams is janitor. There is no regular church organization here, but the pulpit is supplied by the Cataumet pastor. The seats in both churches are free.

M. E. CHURCH, CHATHAM, MASS.

Methodism was first planted in Chatham about one hundred years ago. In harmony with the genius of Methodism, Rev. Joseph Snelling, stationed at Provincetown, in his journeys as an itinerant, found his way to the people of Chatham in 1799.



THE CHATHAM CHURCH.

The following is from his journal: "I preached in Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, Harwich and Chatham. At that time there was but one other Methodist preacher stationed on the Cape."

From the beginning the town was not without an occasional visit from a Methodist itinerant. From 1807 to 1816 Chatham seems to have formed a part of the Harwich circuit. In the records of Harwich circuit, Chatham is credited in the year 1807 with a collection of \$4.90, thus indicating it as part of the circuit. The first class, consisting of twelve persons, was formed October, 1816.

The first meeting-house was built in 1819. In the records is found this statement: "They did not wait for any formal dedication, but as soon as it was raised and inclosed, they occupied it for the worship of Almighty God. Wonderful and glorious were the manifestations of God's power and grace in that old house."

This was replaced by a second edifice in 1833. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Louis Jansen, from the text: "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former, said the Lord of Hosts." "Words," says the records, "that were truly prophetic, for if the former was made glorious by the manifestation of the presence and power of God, this was much more so."



THE CHATHAM PARSONAGE.

This house was occupied sixteen years. December 19, 1849, a third edifice, the one now occupied, seating about 500 people, was

dedicated by Rev. W. T. Harlow, from the text: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." This building was erected under circumstances which made the actual cost about \$9,000, but the real cost of such a building at the present value of labor and material could not be less than \$20,000. A good pipe organ was added in 1865.

Two factors stand out prominently in the history of Chatham Methodism. First—The hospitality of the people towards its heralds. Rev. Joseph Snelling records in 1797: "They received me with every



REV. S. F. JOHNSON.



MRS. PHOEBE TAYLOR.

mark of affection, and here I felt perfectly at home." Similar testimonies are to be found in almost every pastoral report to the present.

Second—The frequency of genuine and powerful revivals of religion. Among the earliest records is found this statement: "I found the church well engaged and walking in the light and comfort of the Holy Spirit." Another records: "A powerful revival of religion commenced while a large assembly were gathered to witness the baptism of some half dozen converts, the power of God falling on the people in the most remarkable manner."

In 1835, records Rev. Israel Washburn, "One of the most powerful revivals of religion in that part of the Cape was witnessed in Chatham. Scores were converted, and many open opposers were so powerfully wrought upon by the Spirit, that they were glad to send for the preacher to come and pray with them."

The latest, but by no means the least, among these seasons of powerful awakening, was that of 1895-96, during the pastorate of Rev. J. N. Patterson, with the assistance of a band of Christian Crusaders,

together with the faithful united labors of the churches and pastors, from which 40 persons were received into the Church. "But this," records the pastor, "is but a feeble representation of the blessed work which has actually been done in the membership and regenerated lives of many."

It is worthy of note that the camp-meetings, first at Truro, and afterwards at Eastham and Yarmouth, have again and again revived the spiritual life of the Church, and been the means of conversion of many of its most useful members.

The Sunday School, during all this time, has shared in every good work of the church. The attendance has varied with the attendance



CALVIN HAMMOND, Sunday School Superintendent.



F. A. ROGERS, Epworth League President.

Taylor

of the other services and the spiritual life of the community. It was organized into a Missionary school by G. W. Elmer in 1893, and has contributed liberally toward this the greatest of church benevolences.

The Epworth League was organized by N. C. Alger in 1890. With less than 20 original members, it has steadily grown, till at present it has a membership of 130. From the beginning it has filled a very important place in the religious life of both young and old. The attendance at the Sabbath evening meeting is unusually large in pleasant weather, being more than 150.

A Ladies Aid was organized by Mrs. Rev. John Gifford in 1854. For nearly half a century this organization has formed a very important as well as pleasant part of the church life.

PASTORS.

1816-21. Benjamin Hazelton, 1822 Isaac Jennison, and ("Father Taylor") George Stone 1823 Levi Bates

1824 1825 1826 1827-28. 1829-30. 1831 1832 1833 1834 1835-36. 1837-38. 1839-40 1841-42. 1843 1844	Leonard Bennett Nathan Payne Robert Gould Hezekiah Thatcher George Stone William Barstow David Culver Lewis Jennison Joseph Brown Israel Washburn Joel Steele Thomas Dodge Israel Washburn George W. Brewster Onesiphorus Robbins Ebenezer D. Trakey	1856-57. 1858 1859-60. 1861-62. 1863-64. 1865-66. 1869-70. 1871-72. 1873-74. 1875-76. 1879-80. 1881-83. 1884-86. 1887-88.	Asa N. Bodfish Samuel W. Coggeshall William H. Stetson John W. Willett William H. Richards John Howson William F. Farrington T. Snowdon Thomas Edward Edson Edward A. Lyon Samuel McKeown J. D. King V. W. Mattoon Warren Applebee Archibald McCord Walter J. Yates
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1845-46.			
1847	Cyrus C. Munger	1889-90.	N. C. Alger
1848-49.	William Leonard	1891-92.	G. W. Elmer
1850-51.	William Livesey	1893-96.	J. N. Patterson
1852-53.	Asa U. Swinerton	1897 —	S. F. Johnson
1854-55.	John Gifford		

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Class Leaders-B. S. Cahoon, F. A. Rogers, M. D.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Calvin Hammond; First Assistant, Josiah Rogers; Second Assistant, B. A. Kendrick; Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Nickerson; Librarian, Mrs. Ella Howes; Secretary of Missionary Society, Miss Tena Doane.

Teachers—Superintendent of Primary Department, Phoebe Lewis; B. S. Cahoon, Mrs. F. A. Rogers, Mrs. W. F. Harding, W. F. Harding, P. N. Taylor, Eliza W. Harding, Mrs. Selena Hawes, Hullie Howard, E. S. Kendrick, Bertha Cahoon, Miss Helen Harding.

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During the pastorate of Rev. Warren Applebee, the church was remodeled, and at the formal reopening, Rev. J. W. Willett was the poet of the occasion. His contribution is too valuable to omit from this sketch.

As I sat musing here to-night, Where all is new and fresh and bright, I thought of how this work began And who the preachers here have been. Many, many a year ago, How many years I do not know, A Meth'dist came to Chatham town. Came to turn it upside down. He preached Salvation full and free.— "Whoever will, may come," said he; "Come and know your sins forgiven, Come and taste a joy like heaven." The people heard and came to see, And found it true as truth can be: The work went on, the numbers grew— A class was formed, 'twas something new. Those who met were pleased so well. They went out the news to tell, 'Till others joined their happy band, And for the Saviour took a stand. Now and then a preacher came, Who, by his words, set hearts aflame. More and more the work spread out, 'Till Bishops heard their happy shout; They gave the "iron wheel" a turn, With speed almost to make it hum, And dropped down here a preaching sailor, Long since known as "Father Taylor." From then 'till now, 'tis our confession, There's been no break in the succession. Bates and Bennet, Paine and Gould, Thatcher, Stone and Barstow bold, Culver, Jennison and Brown, Washburn and Steele, men to crown, Thomas Dodge, Washburn again, Brewster with his busy brain, Robbins, Trakey and Munger too, William Leonard, whom well you knew, Gifford, the man who went astray, Bodfish, as true as steel to-day, Coggeshall, who nothing ever forgot, But all can tell you to a dot, Stetson true to every letter, Willett, of whom,—well,—no matter, Richards and Howson next came on, Followed soon by Farrington;

T. Snowdon Thomas next we see,— Edson, the first whose years were three; A roaring Lyon followed him-McKeown, whose eyes with tears were dim. Our Lordly King, gave place full soon To gentle, loving, true Mattoon. For three-score years these men of God Have nobly for the Master stood. Proclaimed the truth with heart and voice, While sinners made the happy choice; Gave God their heart, the church their home, And helped to spread the holy flame. This grand old church now housed so well Has done a work no man can tell, Some say she's left the Godly ways The fathers trod in other days; Is fond of what the worldling brings, Socials and fairs and other things. I fear 'tis true for I've lived to see This church given up to an Applebee.

M. E. CHURCH, CHILMARK, MASS.

Methodism was first introduced into Chilmark by John Sanders in 1787. He was a fugitive slave who found a refuge on the island, and, being a local preacher, used his gifts. In 1795 Jesse Lee visited the island and preached in Chilmark.

In the autumn of 1797 the Rev. Joshua Hall, a member of Con-



THE CHILMARK CHURCH.

ference, was appointed to this island, and preached monthly in Vineyard Haven and the town of Chilmark. In Chilmark he formed a class of six persons with the Hon. Benjamin Basset, one of the judges of the County Court, as leader. The judge's house and that of venerable William Tilton, another of the six, became the homes of the preachers when in this town, and for

the time being their preaching places as well.

Before this year closed the class numbered ten. In September, 1798, Rev. Joseph Snelling became the successor of Rev. Joshua Hall.

Rev. Epaphras Kibby came in 1799 and remained but one quarter. After Mr. Kibby there was no regular preacher until 1809, when Rev. Erastus Otis visited the island from his circuit, Falmouth.

The following year, 1810, Mr. Otis preached here, and with the assistance of Benjamin Basset, Silas Hillman, and Shadrach Robinson, laymen, the class was revived.

The records of this church begin with this year and show a membership of twelve. In 1811 the Conference appointed to the island Rev. William Hinman. In Chilmark preaching services were held in dwelling houses and in an old weaving mill until 1827.

The house in which the first Methodist meeting was held is still standing opposite the parsonage.

In 1827 a meeting-house was purchased from the Methodists of Edgartown and moved to Chilmark. This served their purpose until 1843, when it was replaced by a new and more commodious building, which is our present place of worship. Gracious revivals have attended this church from time to time. In 1812 twenty-six were added to the church, making its membership thirty-eight. During the following ten years (from 1812 to '22) there were only three additions to the membership. From 1823 to '33 there were twenty-nine additions to the church. During the years from 1833 to '43 seventy-one united with the church. From 1843 to '53 thirty-seven were received into full membership. From 1853 to '63 forty-six joined the church. From 1873 to '83 thirty-five joined in full connection. During the time from 1883 to '96 forty-six joined the church.

Some of those who found Christ at the altar of this church became preachers of the Gospel, two of whom we mention,—Rev. Caleb L. Rotch, now pastor of the Congregational Church, Stoughton, Mass., and Rev. William A. Cottle, who died in the faith three years since. This church from its beginning has had strong men and women, and under their care has had an enviable record. While two other churches have gone to decay, it still lives and has a membership of one hundred and four. The Sunday School numbers fifty-seven and is in good condition, under the direction of Russell Hancock as superintendent. All departments of work are well cared for in this church by a faithful official board.

PASTORS.

1810.	Erastus Otis	1815.	Benjamin Haselton
1811.	William Hinman	1816.	Shipley W. Wilson
1812.	Edward Hyde	1817.	Thomas W. Tucker
1813.	William Frost	1818.	Shipley W. Wilson
1814.	John W. Hardy	1819-20.	Eleazer Steel

1842.

1843.

1844. 1845-46.

1847.

1848.

1849. 1850-51.

1856.

1857.

1860.

1852-53.

1854-55.

1858-59.

1861-62.

1863-65. 1866-68.

1869-70.

1871-72

James Bicknell

Elijah Willard

Joseph Brown

Thomas D. Blake

Ebenezer Ewins

William Nanscoin

O. P. Farrington

Henry Mayo

Lewis Bates

John Tasker

John F. Fogg

Franklin Sears

Josiah C. Allen

Seth B. Chace D I Griffin

Abel Alton

James H. Cooley

Thomas Slater Robert McGonegal

Charles D. Cushman

George W. Wooding Nahun Tainter

William E. Sheldon

George D. Boynton

Otis Wilder

None

1821-22.	John Adams	1835.
1823.	Francis Dane, Freder-	1836.
O	ick Upham, colleague	1837.
1824.	Edward T. Taylor,	1838.
'	William Allen, col-	1839.
	league	1840.
1825.	Daniel Culver, removed	1841.
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	REV. J. S. BELL.	10/1-/3.	D. J. Ormin
	TEM V. O. D. DELLI,	1874.	B. K. Bosworth
1825-27.	John Adams and Caleb	1875-77.	E. S. Fletcher
	Lamb	1878-80.	Heflin S. Smith
1828.	William Barstow	1881-83.	Isaac C. Sherman
1829.	Hezekiah Thatcher	1884-86.	John N. Patterson
1830-31.	Thomas G. Brown	1887-88.	Winfield Hall
1832.	Louis Janson	1889-91.	C. T. Hatch
1833.	This church separated	1892-94.	C. S. Thurber
	from Vineyard Haven	1895.	B. K. Bosworth
1834.	Philip Crandon	1896-—	J. S. Bell

Trustees-Sanderson M. Mayhew, A. L. Tilton, E. C. Flanders, C. C. Look, R. Hancock, S. Flanders, O. Stewart, F. A. Mayhew.

Stewards-Ely C. Flanders, Russell Hancock, Ainsworth L. Tilton, Stephen Flanders, Onslow Stewart, Fred. A. Mayhew, Francis H. Reed, Hertford C. Mayhew, Crandon C. Look.

Sunday School Superintendent—Russell Hancock.

P. S.-Pictures of the Chilmark Parsonage and of Hon. E. C. Flanders came too late to be inserted here, but will be found at the close of the volume, others that came too late.-THE EDITOR.

M. E. CHURCH, COTTAGE CITY, MASS.



THE COTTAGE CITY CHURCH.

This church organization grew out of the constantly increasing permanent population of the Vineyard Grove Camp Ground.

After camp-meeting families would remain for weeks. In a few years some of these families became permanent residents. Each year the number of permanent residents at "Vineyard Grove" increased. Here they were without either preaching services or Sabbath School until 1870, when Rev. J. D. King, their real estate agent, organized a Sabbath School, superintended it

and also secured a library. Through his efforts, Rev. William Livesey-was sent to look after the work in October, 1871, the "Campmeeting Association" and Vineyard Grove Company" pledging \$300 to the support of preaching. Mr. King assuming the balance on the basis of \$1,000 salary.

The congregation at this time was union in *name*, a number of denominations being represented, but no church organization. Membership was held elsewhere.

Mr. Livesey was re-appointed to the "Vineyard Grove Station" in 1872. Rev. Dr. Frederick Upham was appointed to this station in 1873, and Rev. E. H. Hatfield in 1874. Mr. Hatfield was followed by Rev. Joseph Marsh in 1876.

Under Mr. Marsh a climax was reached. A gracious revival broke out, in the midst of which a considerable number of Baptist people, who had hitherto worshipped with the Methodists, withdrew and effected the organization of a Baptist church. Mr. Marsh, then in his eightieth year, was stricken with paralysis, and so was obliged to give up the work. But the church continued to prosper notwithstanding the division.

Rev. Dr. George M. Hamlen, now President of Mallalieu Seminary, Ala., succeeded Mr. Marsh in 1877; and on April 15, 1877, Rev. Dr. J. D. King, organized a Methodist class, with about forty mem-

bers. The organization took place in Captain Joseph Dias' dining room. At this time they had no church edifice so worshipped in a hall over the "Star" office; also in a hall over the Post Office.

On June 3, 1877, the church was formally organized and the



REV. W. F. TAYLOR AND WIFE.

sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the "Vineyard Grove M. E. Church."

During Dr. Hamlen's pastorate of three years (1877-80), Trinity M. E. Church was built, at a cost of about \$10,000. Since that time Grace Chapel and a fine parsonage have been built.

In 1880 the church was without a pastor from conference time to July 9, when Presiding Elder J. W. Willett appointed Rev. F. P. Parkin, who served the church until September 5, 1881, when he resigned to finish his course in Drew Theological Seminary. He was succeeded by Rev. Fred O. Holman, who in the middle of the

conference year of 1882 was obliged to give up because of his health. Rev. J. G. Switzer was appointed to fill out the year, but after three Sundays he too gave up because of poor health and Rev. L. B. Codding was secured to finish out the year.

The Conference of 1883 re-appointed Rev. F. P. Parkin, he having completed his course at Drew Theological Seminary. In the spring of 1885, Mr. Parkin was succeeded by Rev J. F. Cooper, who served the church until the close of the Conference year 1887.

From 1888 to 1889 Rev. W. E. Kugler was pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. G. W. Elmer in 1890.

From 1891 to 1893 Rev. W. L. Hood was pastor. Mr. Hood's pastorate was very successful. Here he found his valuable "Helpmeet." He was succeeded by Rev. R. E. Schuh in 1894. Mr. Schuh served the church well for two years and he too found a "Help-meet" in Cottage City.

In 1896 Rev. N. C. Alger was appointed to this charge, but owing to his wife's health, was constrained to give up in December 1896, and Rev. W. F. Taylor, the present pastor was appointed by T. J. Everett, presiding elder, to fill out the year, and was re-appointed here at the last Conference session.

PASTORS.



1871-72. William Livesey

1873	Frederick Uphan
1874-75.	E. H. Hatfield.
1876	Joseph Marsh
1877-79.	G. M. Hamlen
1880-81.	F. P. Parkin
1882	F. O. Holman
1882	G. G. Switzer
1882	L. B. Codding
1883-84.	F. P. Parkin
1885-87.	J. F. Cooper
1888-89.	W. E. Kugler
1890	G. W. Elmer
1891-93.	W. L. Hood
1894-95.	R. E. Schuh
1896	N. C. Alger
1896—	W. F. Taylor

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Stewards—S. H. Norton, E. G. Elbridge (D. S.), J. L. Mayhew (R. S.), W. B. Devoll, J. C. Hamlen, Leavitt Mayhew, Mrs. A. D. Vedder and Mrs. H. H. Rice.

Trustecs—S. H. Norton, Hiram Daggett and J. E. Hamlen. Sunday School—Superintendent, J. L. Mayhew.

Epworth League-President, William Givens.

Junior League-President, Mrs. C. Look.

M. E. CHURCH, DIGHTON, MASS.

On the evening of January 10, 1859, Rev. John Q. Adams, a local preacher who was laboring secularly in Dighton, preached his first sermon at Broad Cove, Dighton. The indications were so good that meetings were continued, some twenty-five being converted during the winter.

A class was formed which at first was connected with Somerset church. Later the members were transferred to the North Dighton church on account of difficulties in the Somerset church.

In March, 1866, an energetic effort was made to establish a Methodist church at Dighton village. An application was sent into Conference for a preacher to be stationed there, and James A. Dean was sent. The prospect was not very encouraging. Only about \$400 was assured for support, and no parsonage. The Dighton Academy was secured for a meeting-house. This served as the church building until 1893.

The first sermon in the Dighton church was preached April 8, 1866, the congregation increasing in six weeks from fifty to one hundred and twenty or thirty.

The church was organized on May 13, 1866, and reported at con-

ference twenty-six members and one probationer.

Up to 1872 the prospects for a growing church were good, but general depression in business caused many to leave Dighton in search of temporal things.

The failure or departure of manufacturing interests has left the village with little increase of population. There being few promising



THE DIGHTON CHURCH.

openings for young men, has caused many of the best to leave in search of better opportunities. The church has sustained herself with varying success through the years, sometimes the pulpit being supplied by a student from Boston University or local preacher, sometimes by members of Conference. Some years the church has been visited by gracious seasons of revival; others have been years of sowing and tilling, with little visible fruit.

In 1892, Rev. C. T. Hatch was sent to Dighton by the Conterence, and almost immediately began agitating the building of a much needed new church. Little encouragement was given him by the people of the church, they not being able to see where the necessary funds were coming from. Mr. Hatch deserves much credit for persevering in the work until the building was completed. Mr. George Walker of Taunton helped both in influence and means to encourage Mr. Hatch.

On December 14, 1893, the dedicatory services were held, in charge of Presiding Elder Ela. Rev. Dr. Charles H. Payne preached the sermon and raised \$3,200, thus leaving the church with no debt

but what was covered by good pledges. The new church is a beautiful structure of suitable size, well located, convenient in arrangement, nicely furnished and equipped. The cost of this building was \$5,400, but could not be built again for that money. Dighton needs nothing now but people to make a flourishing church.

PASTORS.



REV. JEROME GREER.

1866-68. James A. Dean 1868-69. 11. H. Smith 1869-72. Stephen O. Benton 1872-74. A. E. Hall 1874-75. V. W. Mattoon 1875-77. D. L. Brown 1877-79. J. Livesey 1879-82. L. P. Caus L. P. Causey 1882-84. Francis D. Sargent 1884-85. Thomas Simms 1885-86. C. A. Littlefield John Thompson 1886-87. 1887-88. J. H. Buckey W. D. Wilkinson 1888-92. 1892-94. C. T. Hatch 1894-95. Robert Clark 1895-96. C. B. Allen E. S. Collier 1806 Jerome Greer 1897---

PRESENT OFFICIARY:

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Treasurer—Thurber Wood.

Librarian-J. W. Andrews.

Assistant Librarian—Miss Anna Carr.

Teachers—Eben F. Andrews, Daniel Andrews, Miss May Andrews, Mrs. Alexander Swift, Miss Anna Davis, Miss Nellie Pitts.

M. E. CHURCH, EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

In the year 1856, R. M. Smith, a local deacon, disposed of his business in Scituate, Mass., and moved to the town of East Bridgewater. There were at that time a few Methodist families in the town worshipping in the other churches, and also a small band of Method-



THE EAST BRIDGEWATER CHURCH.

ists in the village of Northville, in the northerly part of the town, called the South Abington Mission.

During the year Mr. Smith convened the Methodist families and secured sufficient encouragement to apply to the Providence Annual Conference in the spring of 1857 for the appointment of a minister to this charge.

In response to that call, Rev. Carlos Banning was appointed by Bishop Janes to East Bridgewater, with an appropriation of \$100 from the "Conference Missionary Society." Mr. Smith had established at his house prayer and class meetings, and the society was in working order when the pastor arrived.

At that time there was an unoccupied Universalist church in the village, which Mr. Smith leased for a term of years, and thus the new Methodist Society was provided with a place of worship.

Mr. Banning took up his work as pastor immediately, preaching his first sermon to the people in April, 1857, and organized a Sunday-school the same day, with Mr. William B. Hall as Superintendent.

At the first communion, held the first Sunday in May, the following persons gathered around the Lord's table: R. M. Smith, Augusta Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Hayward, Francis Hayward, Hannah Hayward, Samuel F. White, Rebecca H. White, Jane M. Clark, Alanson Estes, Abigail Estes, Matilda Banning, Harriet Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, C. H. Brown, and Wm. B. Hall.

The gracious influence of the Holy Spirit was felt in all the religious services and there were several conversions.

The following November Rev. A. B. Earle was secured as an evangelist to assist the pastor. He continued his labors for six weeks,

the result of this united effort being the conversion of over 200, about 150 of whom joined the church on probation.

The attractive and commodious church edifice was built during the pastorate of Rev. C. H. Payne, and dedicated in Feb. 1861, the



EAST BRIDGEWATER PARSONAGE.

dedicatory sermon being preached by Rev. E. O. Haven, D. D., afterwards elected Bishop.

Rev. J. F. Sheffield was largely instrumental in raising the debt which had remained up to the time of his pastorate upon the church edifice, which was a great relief to the society. About the close of

Rev. H. H. Martin's pastorate the society purchased the property which has ever since been enjoyed by its pastors as a parsonage.



REV. N. B. COOK.

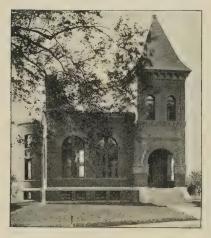


MRS. N. B. COOK.

At the First Quarterly Conference, held June 11, 1871, Rev. S. A. Winsor, the pastor, reported: "We have had the pleasure of being the first occupant of the parsonage; it is in every way fitted to make a pleasant home for those who may be sent to this charge for years to come."

During Rev. G. W. Ballou's pastorate there was a marked revival and about fifty conversions.

For twenty years we find no extensive revival reported, but during



each pastorate some conversions, and the church is still a thrifty vine of God's planting.

Mr. Cyrus Washburn, a Methodist layman of Wellesley Hills, a native of East Bridgewater, has recently presented the town with a handsome public library, as shown in the accompanying engraving. It is near this church and will be a valuable addition to the charge. Mr. Washburn will receive the lasting gratitude of the town for his generosity.

WASHBURN LIBRARY.

PASTORS.

1857-58.	Carlos Banning	1875-77.	George W. Ballou
1859-60.	Chas. H. Payne	1878-80.	Wm. J. Smith
1861-62.	Wm. H. Stetson	1881-82.	Frederick A. Crafts
1863	John W. Willett	1883-85.	Ephraim S. Fletcher
1864-66.	W. F. Farrington	1886-88.	Richard Burn
1867-68.	John F. Sheffield	1889-91.	John N. Geisler
1869-70.	Henry H. Martin	1892	Lucius H. Massey
1871-72.	S. A. Winsor (in part)	1893-96.	Melville B. Wilson
	Geo. W. Anderson	1897 —	N. B. Cook

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Stewards—G. H. Elwell (District), C. R. Beals, W. H. Taylor (R.), F. W. Newhall, Jno. Burgess, Everett Hayward, C. E. Ellis, J. F. Fisher, A. E. Brett, A. S. Brett, F. M. Fisher, Mrs. H. R. Richards, Mrs. E. F. Fisher,

Sunday School—Wm. H. Taylor, Supt.; Chas. R. Beals, Ass't Supt.; Esther Taylor, Sec. and Treas.; Geo. H. Elwell, Librarian.

Teachers—Mrs. H. R. Richards, Mrs. M. Anise Hall, Miss Carrie H. Allen, Frank M. Fisher, Wm. B. Hall, Mrs. Charlotte Leach, Mrs. S. Evelina Bragdon.

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M. E. CHURCH, EAST FALMOUTH, MASS.

By Miss Hattie B. Gifford.

The early Methodists at East Falmouth were obliged to worship in the schoolhouse until in the year 1859, when a church was erected through the untiring efforts of Captain John Tobey, the cost being \$1,850, he paying over one-half the amount. It was dedicated Nov.



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30, 1859. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Andrew Mc-Keown, from text Phil. ii-6. The church was held by a building committee until 1883, when it was made over to the trustees.

The first pastor was Rev. Abel Alton, and as nearly as can be learned, there were about fifteen members, only two of whom are now living. They are both serving on the board of stewards at the present time. The church has been visited several times with special revivals and numbers have been added, so that the membership at the present date is about 53. Among the many devoted pastors

who have served this church was Rev. John Fish, one of the most consecrated ministers of his time. During one period of his ministry he taught the village school in addition to his pastoral duties.

The pastorate of H. G. Budd, a student of Boston University, was marked by general prosperity, spiritually and financially. The work in all departments has greatly prospered under the labors of C. S. Thurber, a man filled with the spirit of God.

PASTORS.

1859.	Abel Alton	1880.	Daniel Griffin and
1860-61.	Franklin Sears		Henry Hamblin
1862.	Lawton Cady	1881.	Henry Hamblin
1863-64.	Stephen Y. Wallace	1882.	John McVay
1865-67.	John Fish	1883.	Rev. Mr. Whitney;
1868.	Franklin Sears		finished by W. Millar
1869.	Robert Macy	1884-86.	Isaac Sherman
1870-71.	Charles Stokes	1886-87.	Supplied by students
1872-74.	John Fish	1888-89.	J. B. Washburn
1875.	Benj. L. Sayer; W. C.	1890.	L. H. Massey
	Wilbur finished	1891.	W. H. Whelan
1876-77.	Richard Burn	1892-93.	H. G. Budd
1878.	Tell A. Turner	1894.	B. K. Bosworth
1879.	Rev. Mr. Bessey	1895-97.	C. S. Thurber



Ex-Pres, C. W. GALLAGHER. WILLIAM MACDONALD.

M. E. CHURCH, EASTHAM, MASS.

The origin of Methodism in Eastham was the outgrowth of a camp-meeting held in Wellfleet, Aug. 19, 1819. It was the first camp-meeting ever held on Cape Cod, and was attended by a number of persons from Eastham, many of whom returned feeling deeply



THE EASTHAM CHURCH.

convinced of their need of salvation, which fact they made known to their neighbors, with the result that the awakening became extensive, so that penitent souls from every part of the town were brought to the "knowledge of salvation by the remission of their sins."

The influence of the camp-meeting was followed by the faithful labors of Rev. E. Wiley, preacher in charge of Wellfleet circuit. The converts became probationers, and members of a class in Wellfleet. They, with many others, were subsequently formed into two distinct classes, under charge of Pastor Wiley, and formed part of Wellfleet circuit. The first class leaders were Thomas Cobb and James Hickman.

At the next session of New England Conference, held June, 1820, Rev. Edward Hyde was appointed preacher in charge of Wellfleet circuit. The next year (1821) Mr. Hyde was re-appointed to the same charge in connection with Rev. Herman Perry. The former came to reside in Eastham. This was a year of marked prosperity. On one "class paper" of this date were found the names of 60 members. During the same years the "Meeting-House" was built.

Pratt, in his History of Eastham, says: "In 1821 the Methodist Meeting-House was built. It is a neat and commodious house, sufficiently large to accommodate all who belong to the society and attend the meetings, being at the present time nearly two-thirds of all the inhabitants of the town.

In 1822 the circuit was in charge of Revs. H. Perry and L. Bennett. Rev. E. Hyde was appointed Presiding Elder of Boston district, and in his official capacity visited the society quarterly, much to its pleasure and profit.

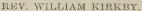
The church in its early history was favored with the "pious



THE EASTHAM PARSONAGE.

instruction and Godly councils" of Rev. George Pickering, a name dear to all New England Methodists. He was Presiding Elder of the







MRS. WILLIAM KIRKBY.

district at the time the society laid the foundation for their "House of Worship."

At the session of New England Conference, held June, 1823, the connection of this society with Wellfleet circuit was—(as per request

of the last quarterly meeting)—dissolved, and Eastham was made a separate station.

Rev. Nathan Paine was appointed to the charge as the first stationed preacher for Eastham, and remained pastor two years. At this time the church had 118, and in 1844 it had increased to 185 members.

The present commodious church edifice was erected in 1851, on the site of the old "Meeting-house," at a cost of \$4,900, during the pastorate of Rev. W. Leonard. The congregations were at this time said to have averaged—in good weather—200, and the church was in prosperous circumstances.

But this church, in common with other churches on Cape Cod has sustained heavy losses by removals and death of many members who were of great value to the church in its progressive warfare against the "Powers of darkness," and accomplishment of its divine mission.

If space would permit many interesting facts might be mentioned concerning this old church and the faithful pastors who have served it. Few churches have a nobler record.

PASTORS.

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1823-24.	Nathan Paine	1857-58.	Abel Allton
1825	E. K. Avery	1859-60.	Edward B. Hinckley
1826-27.	Benjamin Keith	1861-62.	B. K. Bosworth
1828	Fred'k Upham	1863-64.	C. Hammond
1829-30.	Joel Steel	1865-66.	Benjamin L. Sayer
1831-32	Hector Brownson	1867	Francis A. Loomis
1833	Lemuel Harlow	1868-69.	John S. Fish
1834-35.	T. G. Brown	1870	Lawton Cady
1836-37.	Warren Emerson	1871	George S. Macomber
1838	Thomas Ely	1872-73.	Eben Tirrell, Jr.
1839-40.	Josiah Litch	1874	John Cooper
1841	E. W. Jackson	1875-76.	John S. Fish
1842-43.	Onesiphorus Robbins	1877-78.	Charles N. Hinckley
1844-45.	Henry Smith	1879	Philo Hawkes
1846	Joseph Macreading	1880-82.	Frank Bowler
1847	Samuel Fox	1883-84.	S. F. Harriman
1848-49.	Dixon Stebbins	1885-87.	Martin T. Braley
1850-51.	William Leonard	1888-89.	Samuel Fox
1852	Anthony Palmer	1890-93.	George E. Dunbar
1853	Thomas D. Blake	1894	Charles Smith
1854	Wm. H. Stetson	1895	William Kirkby
1855-56.	George Burnham		

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Stewards—Heman S. Gill, T. K. Gill (D. S.), Mrs. Winslow Horton, Mrs. Edward Clark, Mrs. Simeon Perry, Geo. H. Clark (R. S.), Miss Jemima Clark, Henry Harding, Mrs. Mary E. Cole.

Class Leaders-Mrs. Mary E. Cole, Henry Harding.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Henry Harding; Asst. Superintendent, Arthur C. Perry; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Almena L. Beaver; Asst. Secretary and Treasurer, Geo. H. Clark; Librarian, Wilbur S. Cole; Asst. Librarians, William F. Knowles, Henry D. Smith.

Teachers—Miss Ella L. Mayo, Mrs. Henry Harding, Mrs. Thomas K. Gill, Simeon Perry, Mrs. Simeon Perry, Geo. H. Clark, Mrs. Mary E. Cole, Mrs. Austin E. Cole, Rev. W. Kirkby, Mrs. Winslow Horton.

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M. E. CHURCH, EDGARTOWN, MASS.

In 1809, Rev. Erastus Otis visited Martha's Vineyard. He preached his first sermon in Edgartown in a house provided by Mrs. Naomi Beecher, a cousin of Dr. Lyman Beecher. She and a Miss Love Stewart, who, several years before, was converted in Maine, under



THE EDGARTOWN CHURCH.

the labors of Rev. Timothy Merritt, were the only Methodists in town. The preaching of Mr. Otis was very different from what the town people had been accustomed to, but he had hearers. Miss Stewart's father consented to open his house as a preachingplace. For awhile Mr. Otis taught school in Edgartown, and preached there and at other places on the island. and his work was successful. On Nov. 4, 1809, he formed the first class, which consisted of six persons, and it prospered. Thomas Stewart, a

sailor, who had been recently converted, was appointed leader. The new religion, as it was called, brought on a storm of

persecution. It was as fierce as in the earliest days of Methodism. Recourse was had to law and mob violence on the part of opposers, but they were foiled in their efforts. In 1811 a site was secured, and a Union Meeting-house was built. But in 1821 the

brethren sold their interest in it, and built one for themselves. 1827 was sold to the brethren in Chilmark, and was taken to pieces and removed thither. Another was erected. which is now the Town Hall. The present large edifice was completed and dedicated in 1843, and in 1893 its semi-centennial was fittingly celebrated. When the whaling business was good, this seaport town was prosperous. The church was in a correspondingly flourishing condition, being one of the strongest in the Conference. The congregation was large. ablest men filled the pulpit, and intellectual and devout men and



REV. J. HOLLINGSHEAD.

women filled the pews. The services were spiritual, and from time to time the church was visited with gracious revivals of religion. The pastor was sustained by an active and strong force of workers: stalwart Christians, whose thoughts and words had weight. Among the pastorates especially noted for revivals were those of J. B. Gould, L. D. Davis and J. D. King. But the most famous revival in the history of the church was that which occurred in J. B. Gould's pastorate, in 1852-53, which continued for one hundred nights and swept over the island in Pentecostal power. See account of this revival in special article by the venerable J. B. Gould in another place in this volume.

In the community the church has been a power for good, and has sent out blessed influences over the island.

Strange to say, the church never owned a parsonage. This has been its latest acquisition. In June, 1896, a good, convenient, and commodious house, on the water-front, was purchased for a parsonage. It was bought for a reasonable price, and the price was paid before the next session of the Conference, except \$150. The society has now a good church in which to worship, and a pleasant home for its pastor.

PASTORS.

PRESENT OFFICIARY:

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Teachers—E. W. Chadwick, J. Hollingshead, B. T. Hillman, J. E. Chadwick, G. J. Hart, Caroline L. Schofield, Lucretia S. Norton, Mrs. Charles A. Norton, Mrs. Arthur C. Vincent, Mrs. Jonathan Norton, Mrs. Mary E. Stapleford, Miss Charlotte Fisher.

Superintendent Home Department-Mrs. J. Hollingshead.

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M. E. CHURCH, FAIRHAVEN, MASS.

Until Dec. 28, 1829, the Methodists in Fairhaven worshipped with the Elm Street M. E. Church, New Bedford. On that date the Fairhaven class requested that a chapel be erected for their accommodation.

In June, 1830, the new chapel was opened for worship, and



THE FAIRHAVEN CHURCH.

dedicated. The sermons were by Rev. Orange Scott and Rev. John Lindsey. Rev. William Livesey was appointed to the station that year. The society continued as a branch of the Elm Street Church, New Bedford, until 1832, when it was deemed expedient that the Fairhaven Society become a separate organization.

Aug. 30, 1832, the organization was perfected with the following as Trustees: Joseph Millett, James Tripp (2d), John P. Winslow, Joseph P. Swift, Joseph B. Morse, Dennis McCarthy, Warren Maxfield.

The society continued to occupy their house of worship until the spring of 1849, when the subject of purchasing the edifice left vacant

by the Centre Congregational Society, was agitated. On April 16, 1849, the Trustees reported that they had "obtained a title to the

property for the use and behoof of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

This building is still used by the society. It is a spacious wooden structure, containing auditorium, vestry, class-room and kitchen; centrally located at the corner of Center and Walnut Streets, within the



THE MILLICENT LIBRARY.

Streets, within the shadow of the elegant Town Hall and Public

Library. This magnificent new library, the noble gift of H. H. Rogers, of New York, a native of Fairhaven, is situated nearly opposite the church, and makes this one of the most desirable appointments in the Conference for a studious minister.

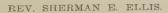


THE FAIRHAVEN PARSONAGE.

The first meeting-house still stands, a conspicuous feature of the landscape, on the left, as one enters Fairhaven from New Bedford via the bridge. It was purchased by the town; raised, to secure an additional story, and fitted as a high school.

A long list of illustrious men have served this church. Many







MRS. SHERMAN E. ELLIS.

glorious religious awakenings have cheered the hearts of the faithful.

To speak in worthy terms of all these pastors, would take a volume alone. Many of them have gone to their reward, but their works do follow them.

PASTORS.

1830.	Wm. Livesey	1858.	James M. Worcester
1831.	Leonard Griffin	1859-60.	John B. Husted
1832-33.	Nathan Paine	1861-62.	Edward A. Lyon
1834.	Lewis Janson	1863-64.	William Livesey
1835.	Daniel K. Banister	1865-67.	Henry H. Smith
1836-37.	David Leslie	1868-70.	Frederic Upham
1838.	Henry Mayo	1871-72.	John Gray
1839-40.	Apollos Hale	1873-74.	Hopkins B. Cady
1841-42.	Isaac Stoddard	1875-77.	Geo. DeB. Stoddard
1843.	Nathan Paine	1878.	Daniel C. Stevenson
1844.	John W. Case	1879.	Francis D. Sargent
1845.	Daniel Webb; supplied	1880-82.	George E. Fuller
	by G. W. Brewster	1883.	Edward L. Hyde
1846-47.	Micah J. Talbot, Jr.	1884-85.	Henry J. Fox
1848.	Henry Baylies	1886-88.	William F. Davis
1849-50.	Samuel C. Brown	1889-90.	W. Lenoir Hood
1851-52.	Horatio W. Houghton	1891-92.	Nathan C. Alger
1853-54.	Richard Livesey	1893-94.	George A. Sisson
1855-56.	William H. Richards	1895.	William S. Fitch
1857.	Bartholomew Otheman	1896—	Sherman E. Ellis



JAMES EDE, Sunday School Superintendent.



MISS ELIDA C. STEVENS, Epworth League President.

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FALL RIVER EPWORTH LEAGUE UNION.

By Rev. R. M. Wilkins.

The lack of unity and hearty co-operation in the Methodist Episcopal churches of this city is one of the standing incidents of its history. For more than a quarter of a century not a mission has been established in any of the outlying districts of this growing city. Other religious sects have come in and established from one to four missions during that time. The need of concentration of effort has been apparent for a long time. The Epworth Leagues have taken the initiative. In June, 1805, an invitation was sent to all the Leagues of the city by the League of the First M. E. Church for a union meeting to devise plans for a more complete union of our forces for larger success in Christian work. The response to the invitation was hearty. Hon. Robert F. Raymond of New Bedford addressed the meeting. A committee of three from each League was appointed to report a plan at the next meeting, which was held in the following September. At that time it was deemed advisable to effect a permanent organization, consequently the usual form was observed, and the following officers were chosen for one year, the annual election occurring in September:

President, H. H. Miller; First Vice-President, W. S. Davis; Sec-

ond Vice-President, Miss Mary N. Adams; Third Vice-President, Mrs. S. Simmons; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Weaver; Secretary, Miss Alice L. Sampson; Treasurer, Miss Cora F. Hacking. The union is yet in its infancy, but the work already accomplished is fully appreciated. Large results socially and spiritually are expected in the near future. Three admirable lectures have been given by the following well-known brethren: Rev. E. M. Taylor, Bishop Hartzell and James M. Taber.

At each quarterly meeting a social has been held with good success. The success of the past year under the management of the present officers has been very gratifying. Mr. W. S. Davis was elected President at the last annual meeting in '97 and A. J. Shovelton first Vice-President, no other changes having been made. Mr. Shovelton inaugurated a union love feast, held once in three months at 5.30 Sunday P. M. The first one was held in February, 1897, in St. Paul's Church, with a large attendance, and with spiritual power and enthusiasm. These meetings are gaining in interest and good results must follow. It is the desire of these earnest workers that God will baptize these efforts with power, that they may bear abundant fruit.

BRAYTON MEMORIAL M. E. CHURCH, FALL RIVER.

The history of this church is somewhat unique. Its environment is historic. The memories of the past are sacred. The organization of a Sunday School in 1843, with Abner L. Westgate of the First M. E. Church as superintendent, was the nucleus. The first sessions of the



OLD BRAYTON CHURCH.

school were held in the basement of a four-tenement block called the Great Westerner, located on the road to Newport (this part of the city at that time was in the town of Tiverton, R. I.), now South Main Street. Success crowned the efforts of officers and teachers. New accessions were made to the school as circumstances would allow. A more inviting and commodious room was subsequently secured in the

hall over the Print Works on Globe Street.

Mr. Joel Wood, then a young man of promise, became interested

and identified himself with Sunday School work and has been a tireless worker in the years of service he has given the church.

Mr. William Chapin, then the owner of the Print Works, was a man of push and Christian principle and through his influence reli-



NEW BRAYTON CHURCH.

gious services were held in the hall, largely for the benefit of his operatives. He bought a site on Globe Street for a new church, and laid the corner stone August 14, 1850. The church was dedicated as "Christ's Church" September 13. Rev. J. P. Cleveland, D. D., of Providence, R. I., preached the sermon. On the 14th of November following the interior of the church was remodeled and enlarged to meet the increasing demand of the Sunday School. During the next four years three clergymen served the church: Revs. S. S. Ashley, Harmon and C. J. Cummings. Rev. David Patten, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Providence District, established a class here in 1853 and organized the church. In the early autumn Rev. Amos H. Worthin began his labors as preacher in charge. The first Quarterly Conference was held here June 3, 1855, with Rev. C. H. Titus as Presiding Elder, and Elihu Grant preacher in charge. At this time Mr. Chapin sold his Print Works and left town. On the 4th of April, 1854, he held the last meeting of the corporation, the parish and church meeting following. Dr. Patten secured the church property for the Methodists. The deed was given at this time, though the church did not take legal possession until 1857, when Asa U. Swinerton was pastor. Mr. Swinerton met with a severe loss in the death of his dear wife, whose funeral occurred March 17, 1861, the sermon being preached by Bishop Baker. Rev. C. A. Merrill preceded Mr. Swinerton

and gave one year of service. Rev. Elihu Grant was his successor and for the second time gave valuable service to this church. At the close of his pastorate the church was placed under the fostering care of the First M. E. Church. Mr. Grant was a faithful, self-sacrificing man. Rev. Amos Walker was appointed his successor, and by careful management led the church on to victory. Rev. E. H. Hatfield, a man of more than ordinary pulpit ability, next came and attracted large crowds to the regular services of the church. Rev. Wm. P. Hyde followed him in the spring of 1868 and did valiant service for



REV. R. M. WILKINS.



MRS. R. M. WILKINS.

the church. He lifted the burden of a debt, repaired the church, and on the day of dedication changed the name from Globe Street M. E. Church to Brayton M. E. Church. Hon. John S. Brayton, and Mrs. Mary B. Young, his sister, gave with a liberal hand to aid Mr. Hyde in his work.

The Brayton family have been connected with Methodism from its introduction into southeastern Massachusetts to the present. Mr. John Brayton, grandsire of John S., and family was also one of the founders of the old historic M. E. Church at South Somerset. His beautiful home was ever open to the weary itinerant who found here "a calm, a sure retreat." The family which have sprung from this saint of God have become prominent actors in the social business and professional life of Fall River. They have been identified with every public movement tending to elevate society and afford relief to the suffering. The Methodism of North Dighton and this city stand an imperishable monument to the memory of John Brayton.

. During the pastorate of William P. Hyde a bell was presented to the society by Mr. Augustus Chase. Other pastors who have served

this church with success are Rev. G. H. Lamson, C. S. Morse, E. A. Lyon, S. McKeown, Elihu Grant and W. B. Heath. During Mr. Heath's stay of three years the church was raised, and a vestry added, an annex built with room for the primary department and a ladies' kitchen, the roof shingled, and the building painted, at a cost of \$2,500. Mrs. Mary B. Young and her brothers, John S. and Hezekiah Brayton, gave liberally to aid this work. Mrs. Young left a bequest in her will to the church of \$1,000 in trust. The Ladies' Aid gave Mr. Heath valuable assistance in his work.

Rev. B. F. Simon followed Mr. Heath. Again for prudential



WILLIAM A. GAMMONS. Sunday School Superintendent.



JOHN N. WILDE. Epworth League President.

reasons the society thought it best to seek shelter under the wing of the First M. E. Church again. Mr. Simon served a second year and then the relation was discontinued. Rev. Robert Clark came as the next pastor, and was succeeded by Rev. J. G. Gammons. He spent five pleasant years here. He improved the main entrance to the church, beautified the auditorium and made it more attractive. Much of the work was done with his own hands, as he has practical knowledge of frescoing.

April, 1894, Rev. R. M. Wilkins was assigned to this field, and the relation has been continued to the present, this being the fourth year.

The Year Book of 1894 gave 137 church members, and the total enrollment in the Sunday School, 272. At present there are 168 members of the church and 357 total enrollment in the Sunday School. The advancement of the church during this long period of business depression is cause for rejoicing. The rapid growth of the Sunday

School and other departments of work called for more adequate accommodations, if large success was to be achieved. In January, 1895, a gracious revival of religion gave the church new and efficient workers. The need for a better place of worship had been under consideration for some time. A committee to raise funds for that object was appointed. Steps were taken to build. Pledges from the Ladies' Aid and from the Epworth League for \$500 each had been secured, and Hon. J. S. Brayton and his sister, Miss Sarah S. Brayton, sent their checks for \$500 each to aid the new enterprise. The encouragement from this noted source gave a new impulse to the work, and made a new church possible. The board decided to dedicate the new church Brayton Memorial in honor of the pioneer Methodist of the locality, Mr. John Brayton. The idea of a better and more eligible site had been under discussion for some time, and the matter was finally referred to the Conference Board of Church Location. This board made a careful investigation of every available site, but failed to fix upon any. Plans were immediately drawn for a new building on the old site. The building committee empowered to act had specifications drawn ready for contractors' bids, when Mr. John D. Flint became interested and spent some time with the pastor making a careful investigation of available sites. Mr. Flint found one at last on Griffin Street, between Broadway and South Main Street, and made the board an offer of seventy-eight rods of land, worth in the market \$3,000. This offer was gladly accepted and thus one of the most difficult problems in the history of the church was solved. The name of John D. Flint will never be forgotten by this church. He generously subscribed \$500 to aid the enterprise. Credit is due to Messrs. Stevens, Dr. Davis and Edward B. Jennings for their liberality in donating so valuable a piece of property to this church. Through the influence of Rev. T. J. Everett, Presiding Elder, the Conference Home Missionary Board has given \$400 to this work. The ground for the new building was broken June 14. The new structure will be Gothic and two-story, with all modern conveniences. The estimated cost of the new building is \$0,300. With this new equipment and one of the best locations in this part of the city the church will march on to power, success and fame.

PASTORS.

1854.	Amos H. Worthin	1875-76.	Edward A. Lyon
1855.	Elihu Grant	1877-78.	Samuel McKeown
1856.	Charles A. Merrill	1879-80.	Elihu Grant
1857.	Asa U. Swinerton	1881-83.	William B. Heath
1861-62.	Elihu Grant	1884-85.	B. F. Simon
1867.	Edward Hatfield	1886-88.	Robert Clark
1868-70.	William P. Hyde	1889-93.	John G. Gammons
1871-72.	George H. Lamson	1894	R. M. Wilkins
1873-74.	Charles S. Morse		

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—William A. Gammons, J. N. Wilde, A. J. Wilcox, Walter Etchells, Hiram Bradshaw, J. B. Monk, John Wood, Vincent Thorpe, William Griffiths.

Stewards—J. N. Wilde, Joseph Solomon, William A. Gammons, Vincent Thorpe, Herbert Cash, Richard Shovelton, William Griffiths, A. J. Wilcox, Mrs. Sarah A. Rowbottom, Mrs. Nancy Turner, Mrs. Ellen Wood.

Sunday School—Superintendent, William A. Gammons; Assistant Superintendent, C. J. McCreery; Secretary, Vincent Thorpe; Treasurer, J. H. McCreery; Librarian, William Gaskell.

Teachers—R. M. Wilkins, J. N. Wilde, J. Solomon, Herbert Cash, George Monks, Richard Knowles, Hiram Bradshaw, Mrs. R. M. Wilkins, Mrs. M. Sykes, Mrs. Nancy Turner, Miss Florence Turner, Miss Bertha Kay, Miss Mary Buckley, Mrs. Lizzie Cash, Mrs. William A. Gammons, Mrs. Mary Fitton, Miss Cora F. Hacking, Miss Charlotte Tongue, Mrs. A. Fields, Mrs. Vincent Thorpe. Infant Department—Principal, Miss Stella M. Bounds; Assistants, Almeda Harris, Martha Dubois.

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FIRST M. E. CHURCH, FALL RIVER, MASS.

The source of Fall River Methodism is to be found in the church at South Somerset, formerly named in the appointments as Somerset. In the year 1824 Ebenezer Blake, the pastor of that church, began to "preach lectures" once a fortnight on week evenings in the village



FIRST CHURCH.

of Troy, as Fall River was then called. His successor, Heman Perry, continued these services, and, in 1825, organized a class of about twelve members of which John Anthony was made leader. In June, 1826, Charles Virgin and Nathan B. Spaulding were appointed to Somerset. They inaugurated a fortnightly Sunday service at a schoolhouse in Fall River. About the first of January, 1827, a gracious revival of religion occurred and from that time to the close of the year Mr. Spaulding

gave his time wholly to the work in this place.

At the close of the Conference of June, 1827, Fall River first appeared in the list of appointments and Edward T. Taylor was assigned

to the charge. There were about one hundred members in the society at this time. An effort was made immediately to provide a suitable house of worship and on Christmas of 1827 the first church was dedicated. This was located in Central Street. Mr. Taylor continued with the church until December, 1828, when he removed to Boston and assumed charge of the Mariners' Bethel, in that city, a position which he held for more than forty years and in which he won a world-wide fame.



FIRST CHURCH PARSONAGE

The young society enjoyed a growing prosperity until the latter part of 1832, when a tragedy occurred which was a severe blow for Methodism in all this vicinity. The pastor of the church at Bristol was suspected of the murder of a young woman whose dead body was

found in Fall River. He was acquitted in court, but as a consequence of the affair an intense and violent prejudice against Methodism was created from which it suffered for a long period. Many withdrew from the church and congregation. Revivals replenished the numbers, however, and in a few years a more commodious place of worship in a better location became a necessity. A new church, erected on the site now occupied, was dedicated February 12, 1840, by Rev. Orange Scott, during the pastorate of Phineas Crandall. This building was consumed by fire, in a conflagration which destroyed a large part of the business section of the city, July 2, 1843. The pastor,



WILLIAM E. GOFF. Sunday School Superintendent.



WILLIAM S. DAVIS. Epworth League President.

Thomas Ely, applied himself with great energy and perseverance to the task of rebuilding, and on April 3, 1844, the present structure was dedicated. The sermon on the occasion was preached by Rev. Charles K. True.

In the winter of 1849-50, while Daniel Wise was pastor, the eminent evangelist, Rev. James Caughey, labored with the church about three months. At the ensuing Conference three hundred and fortynine members and two hundred and one probationers were reported. The congregation had become so large that it was impossible to accommodate the people with sittings, and it was decided to rent a hall, divide the congregation and ask for two preachers from the Conference. Accordingly Mr. Wise was returned and Elijah T. Fletcher was made his associate. The two preachers alternated in preaching, each serving both congregations every Sabbath. During the year the second society was organized, and thus originated St. Paul's Church. The two societies worked in perfect harmony, recognizing

the little river that flows through the center of the city as the line

of division between the two parishes.

During the pastorate of Frederick Upham funds were secured for the building of an organ, which was placed in the church in June, 1853, just after Mr. Upham's term of service had expired. In 1863, while Henry Baylies was pastor, a house on South Main Street was purchased for a parsonage. After being used for this purpose ten years the property was sold and the present parsonage was built on Ridge Street. In the same year and during the pastorate of S. L. Gracey, the space between the church and the sidewalk was utilized by erecting two stores, connected with the front of the church, thus making the structure in part a business block. The trustees were led to this action by the increasing value of land in the vicinity and the great demand for rents for business purposes. In 1891, while Walter J. Yates was pastor, the church was extensively renovated, the vestries being practically rebuilt, new rooms added, and the front of the building so reconstructed as to contain four larger stores instead of the two small ones that had previously been available.

Throughout its history this has been eminently a "revival" church. Outpourings of the Divine Spirit resulting in large additions to the membership have been frequent, while scarcely a pastoral term has passed in which considerable numbers have not been added to the church. During several of the pastorates the accessions have ranged between seventy-five and one hundred and fifty, and in some of them more than the larger of these numbers have been received.

PASTORS.

In this connection it should be stated that E. T. Taylor removed to the Mariners' Bethel, Boston, in December, 1828, and Ebenezer



REV. S. O. BENTON.

Blake and others supplied until the next session of Conference; Mark Staples failed in health January, 1837, and Jesse Fillmore, a local preacher, was in charge from February until the ensuing Conference; Henry Baylies was transferred to a western Conference in the autumn of 1864, and J. H. James, then a member of the New Jersey Conference, who had just left a chaplaincy in the army, finished out the year and at its close was transferred to this Conference: Warren A. Luce was compelled by impaired health to relinquish his pulpit in the summer of 1882, and Sidney Dean supplied to the end of the year.

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—William H. Holt, Thomas Waring, Benjamin F. Davis, William H. Harrison, William Thorpe, George A. Mathewson, John R. Butterworth, George Cook.

Stewards—William S. Davis, Benjamin F. Davis, George A. Mathewson, William C.Snow, Joseph Harrison, William Y.McMullen, Alexander J. Dennis, John R. Butterworth, Everett E. Tripp, George Cook, William B. Garlick.

Class Leader-William H. Holt.

Exhorter—George Scholes.

Sunday School—Superintendent, William E. Goff; Assistant Superintendent, Samuel Wood; Secretary, Lewis A. Woodland; Asst. Secretary, John Dreghorn; Treasurer, George A. Mathewson; Librarian, Laughlin W. McFarland; Assistants, Frank Linley, Frank Coombs, Robert Thompson, Leslie Laflin; Primary Superintendent, Mrs. Lucy Fothergill; Primary Secretary and Librarian, Edith Whitehead; Kindergarten Superintendent, Hattie L. Stebbins; Assistant, Lucy E. Fothergill; Home Department Superintendent, Mary N. Adams.

Teachers—Lizzie M. Grinnell, Lavinia Lawrence, William H. Holt, Mrs. Andrew Borden, Mrs. Robert Baillie, Wm. McLeod, Mrs. Elisha F. White, William C. Snow, Lizzie Sidebotham, Mrs. Walter W. Mason, Mrs. Samuel Wood, Mrs. George W. Angell, John Moore,

Mrs. Mary J. Bailey, Mrs. William Thorpe, Eva M. Benton, Mrs. Kezia E. Sutcliffe, Wright Turner, Mrs. Charles E. Hentershee, William S. Davis, George Cook, Sarah J. Howarth, Peter Nelson, Josie A. Anderson, Annie L. Dickinson, Lavinia Reynolds, Mary N. Adams, Mrs. John Moore, Sadie M. Nelson, Mrs. Alfred Clarkson, Ruth Thackeray, Helen Smith, Lottie Mitchell, Annabel Woodland, Edwin F. Sharp.

Epworth League—President, Wm. S. Davis; First Vice-President, Miss Lizzie Sidebotham, Second Vice-President, Miss Mary N. Adams, Third Vice-President, Mrs. Samuel Wood; Fourth Vice-President, Albert E. Vaughan; Secretary, Wright Turner; Treasurer,

Miss Edith M. Sidaway.

NORTH M. E. CHURCH, FALL RIVER, MASS.

The North M. E. Church, like many others, had its beginning in Sunday School work. The records show that June 12, 1852, a meeting of the M. E. Sunday School of Steep Brook was held. John Haskell was chosen Superintendent and J. B. Ashley Secretary protem, and a committee of three was chosen to prepare a Constitution and By-laws for the school. On January 3, 1853, at a meeting held the following resolution was offered by J. T. Wilson: "Whereas the



NORTH STREET CHURCH.

merits of our society require a more convenient place to hold their Sunday School (having met until now in the Steep Brook schoolhouse) and religious meetings: Voted that we choose a committee to investigate said subject, and take all necessary preliminary measures to carry the same into effect."

John Haskell, R. H. Allen and F. A. Hathaway were said committee. In February, 1853, a meeting of the stockholders was held and the secretary reported that the Sunday school that began

in the schoolhouse about nine months before, had an attendance of 116 scholars and teachers, with an average attendance of sixty during the year.

At this session they voted to invite the Second M. E. Church of

Fall River to send some one to take charge of the school. The request was granted and John Haskell came and discharged the duties of Superintendent with success to the school and satisfaction to all.

The record goes on to say that "in a few more Sabbaths we hope for a more suitable place to worship in, and also that we shall have a minister sent to us."

The second annual meeting was held April 6, 1854, and this meeting seems to have been held in the new church. David Patten, D. D., was Presiding Elder of the Providence District at this time, and preached the dedicatory sermon.

PASTORS.

1854 1855 1856 1857-58. 1859-60. 1861 1862-63. 1864 1865 1866-68.	O. N. Brooks J. N. Colyer J. Shepley P. Cranston Supplied A. G. Gurner G. H. Winchester B. Ashley J. Gifford J. Q. Adams J. G. Gammons	1876-77. 1878-79. 1880-81. 1882 1883-85. 1886-87. 1888-89. 1890-91. 1892 1893 1894	E. G. Babcock G. H. Lamson A. J. Coultas A. J. Church J. G. Gammons E. G. Babcock J. A. Rood O. E. Johnson J. Livesey S. T. Patterson W. Ridington
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PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—R. Allen, D. Lown, F. M. Shaw, J. Wood, J. Lewin, W. B. Ashley, J. Shaw, P. Wilbur, R. Parlow.

Stewards—R. Allen, D. Lown, C. Davenport, G. Hathaway, W. B. Ashley, J. Shaw, J. Lewin.

Sunday School—J. Shaw, Superintendent; R. Brown, Assistant Superintendent, H. Hathaway, Secretary; B. Ashley, Treasurer; A. Childs, Librarian.

Epworth League—President, Pastor; Vice-President, E. Simmons; Secretary and Treasurer, R. Brown.



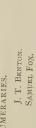














JNO. WILLITT, E. EDSON,



D. P. LEAVITT. S. T. PATTERSON.

A GROUP OF OUR SUPERANNUATES AND SUPERNUMERARIES. W. P. Hyde. Carlos Banning, B. K. Bosworth, E. F. Newell,

QUARRY ST. M. E. CHURCH, FALL RIVER, MASS.

On Sunday, November 21st, 1869, the following notice was given in the First Methodist Church, and also in St. Paul's: "All who feel an interest in establishing a Methodist Mission Sunday School on the cross-road leading from the head of Bedford Street to Pleasant Street,



QUARRY STREET CHURCH.

are requested to meet in vestry No. 2 of the First M. E. Church on Wednesday evening, the 24th, at a quarter to 8 o'clock."

In accordance with the above notice, the following persons assembled at the above time and place: Rev. J. D. King and Messrs. J. D. Flint, James Ashton, James Hunter, Charles Brett, Wm. J. Waring, S. W. Copeland, D. W. Baldwin, and Miss Alice Alty, of the First Church; also, Rev. F. J. Wagner and Messrs. Iram Smith, Lafayette Nichols, Adoniram J. Marble, Edward M. Pierce, Leroy Sargent and James E. McCreery, of St. Paul's Church.

Rev. J. D. King opened the meeting with prayer. He was then chosen chairman of the meeting. After debate, it was unanimously voted to establish a Mission Sunday School in accordance with the notice given.

A building committee was elected, with instructions to report plans and estimates, the sense of the meeting being that a building to seat three hundred would be large enough.

At a meeting held December 6, 1869, it was voted to build a house not to exceed \$4,000 in cost.

March 4th, 1870, it was reported that \$2,400 had been subscribed. March 11th, 1870, Rev. J. D. King reported that he had received from the First Church Sunday School \$185. At this meeting Trustees were elected.

Several meetings were held during the year, at which the progress

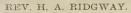
of the work was reported. Rev. A. A. Wright had meanwhile been appointed as Pastor of the First Church, and Rev. E. J. Haynes to St. Paul's. These brethren showed great interest in the new church, and the supplying of the pulpit was left in their hands until the appointment of a regular pastor was made.

The new church building was dedicated September 28, 1870. It had been decided September 7th to name the organization "The

Quarry Street Methodist Episcopal Society."

The cost of the church edifice was about \$5,500, and at the time of dedication there was left a debt of about \$2,000. The church was







MRS. H. A. RIDGWAY.

organized September 28, 1870, the day of dedication, with seven full members and one probationer. The first to join the church from probation were received May 7th, 1871. There were twenty-one. Of this number only three remain—Caroline Goss, Sarah E. Booth and Jane Hunter. Of the seven original members none remain members of the church. The senior member is Mrs. Ellen Bowler.

The Quarterly Conference of the Quarry Street Methodist Episcopal Church was organized December 2, 1870, in the counting room of L. Nichols & Co., Rev. Dr. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Fall River District, being chairman of the meeting. Cornelius Hargraves was appointed class leader, and confirmed as Sunday School superintendent at this first Quarterly Conference. He held the position until the election of Mr. Wm. J. Waring in 1873. Mr. Waring held the position until 1895, with the exception of a part of one year, when Mr. Richard Shovelton occupied the place.

In 1895 Edward Goss was elected superintendent, and has served ever since. Brother Goss is one of Quarry Street's young men, he

having been a member of the school since his boyhood. He is deservedly popular, and has the universal esteem of all who know him. The school is in a prosperous condition, numbering over 300 members. For the Conference year of 1896-7 it had the largest average



EDWARD GOSS.
Sunday School Superintendent.

bership and impose some obligations upon the members. The young people of the church and League are loyal and intelligent, many of them earnest Christians.

The children of the church are organized into classes, Miss Adeline Townsend and Miss M. Emma Ross having charge of the same. Miss M. Emma Ross is the deaconess who works in connection with this church, living at the Fall River Deaconesses' Home. Her ministrations among the poor and needy are blessed of God in winning some to Christ, and her work among the children and young people is of great help.

In 1875, during the term of Rev. R. Povey, the parsonage was

attendance of any Methodist school in Fall River. We have a faithful band of officers and teachers, and with larger and more convenient accommodations the school would grow in the future.

The Epworth League was organized by Rev. F. L. Brooks. The nominal membership was very large because of its novelty and the absence of restrictions or of obligations. The League, however, under the leadership of Mr. Brooks did splendid service in the various branches of its work. The membership is not as large at present, it having been found necessary to revise the list of mem-



WM. J. WARING. Class Leader, 1873-95.

built. Rev. J. C. Gowan succeeded in raising the debt on the church

property. Rev. F. L. Brooks was successful in having alterations and improvements made, at an expense of about \$3,000. Most of this was paid during his pastorate. A comparatively small amount left over has since been paid. There is at present no debt on the property.

The parsonage of the Quarry Street Church has just been repaired and renovated, at a cost of between two and three hundred

dollars.

PASTORS.

1871.	William Livesey	1883.	John C. Gowan
1872.	C. W. Warren	1884-86.	John D. King
1873-74.	S. M. Beal	1887-88.	George M. Hamlen
1875.	Richard Povey	1889-91.	B. K. Bosworth
1876.	E. D. Hall	1892-94.	F. L. Brooks
1877-79.	Henry H. Martin	1895	H. A. Ridgway
1880-82.	James H. Nutting		

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—Benj. Palmer, Bethel Booth, Joseph Bridges, Alfred Hanson, Thomas Ashton, John Goss.

Stewards—Edward Goss, John Burgess, John Burne, Wm. Ratcliffe, Joseph Bridges, Miss Nancy Kershaw, Mrs. Esther Coolidge, Mrs. Elizabeth Goss, Mrs. Jeannette McAlpine, Miss Clara Sampson, Miss Alice Sampson, John Goss (R. S. and Treas.).

Sunday School—Superintendent, Edward Goss. Assistant Superintendent, Thomas Ashton. Secretary, James Walmsley. Assistant Secretary, Joseph Barker. Librarian, Jaspar Adams. Assistant Librarian, Joseph Ratcliffe.

Teachers—Mrs. Minnie Goss, Miss Clara Sampson, Miss M. Emma Ross, Edward Goss, John Goss, Edward Vinecombe, Miss Nancy Kershaw, Miss Alice Sampson, Mrs. Sarah Booth, Mrs. Anna M. Ridgway, Miss Eleanor Holden, Mrs. Elizabeth Goss, Miss Adeline Townend, Mrs. Eliza Waring, Mrs. Selena Shaw, Miss Ursie Cavalier, Mrs. Mary Nabb, H. A. Ridgway, William Christophers, Mrs. Sarah Christophers, Miss Annie Raynes.

Primary Department—Superintendent, Miss Annie Ashton. Assistant, Miss Esther Raynes.

Epworth League—President, H. A. Ridgway. First Vice-President, Miss Adeline Townend. Second Vice-President, Miss Lizzie M. Ratcliffe. Third Vice-President, Miss Nancy Kershaw. Fourth Vice-President, Miss Jennie Coe. Secretary, Miss Alice Sampson. Treasurer, Joseph Ratcliffe.

ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH, FALL RIVER, MASS.

By Iram N. Smith.

During the winter commencing with December, 1849, the pastor of the old First Church, Fall River (Rev. Daniel Wise), was assisted in special services by Rev. James Caughey, evangelist. Their joint efforts were blessed abundantly, and two hundred converts were gath-



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

ered in. At the following Conference (1850), three hundred and forty-nine members were reported, besides two hundred and one on probation. The church edifice having been found entirely inadequate for the congregation, many who desired pews being unable to secure them, it had been decided to form a second congregation, and to ask the Conference for an additional preacher. Accordingly, Rev. Elijah T. Fletcher was appointed as associate with Mr. Wise for the year ensuing. A hall was secured on Main Street, a new Sabbath School was established and regular Sabbath preaching was begun. The two

pastors alternated in preaching, each addressing both congregations every Sunday.

ORGANIZATION.

On April 20, 1851, one hundred and twenty-three members of the First Church, having withdrawn by letter, organized as the Second M. E. Church, with Rev. Ralph W. Allen as regularly appointed pastor. The preaching services were held for a time in Liberty Hall, the upper story of a brick building on the south side of Pocasset Street, the lower story being occupied by a bowling alley. A part of the site is now occupied by the Daily Herald building. This hall soon became too small for the increasing congregation, and Union Hall was engaged, an upper story of a wooden building then located on the northwest corner of North Main and Bank Streets. The spot is now occupied by the First National Bank building. The first service was held here in July, 1851. While occupying Union Hall the church had as

chorister and organist, Eben Tourjee, who was then the proprietor of a small music store on North Main Street, but who was afterwards



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH (Interior).

widely known as the founder of the New England Conservatory of Music, of Boston.

CHURCH EDIFICE.

The subject of a church edifice was brought up at the First Quarterly Conference, May 7, 1851, Rev. Thos. Ely, Presiding Elder.







MRS. J. H. MacDONALD.

It was decided to build, and a committee was appointed to secure subscriptions. On August 4th, 1851, in Union Hall, the Church organized as a corporation, with the name of "St. Paul's M. E. Society of Fall River." September 1 Iram Smith reported, for the trustees,

that the lot on Bank Street had been purchased from Oliver Chace for \$2,303.17. (This lot was then occupied by a bowling alley.) September 18 a plan for a house of worship was accepted and placed



WILLIAM S. GREENE.
Sunday School Superintendent.



GEORGE W. PENNIMAN. Epworth League President.

in the hands of a building committee, consisting of Wm. Mason, Iram Smith, Elisha D. Hathaway, Wm. H. Mason, Oliver H. Bush, Henry Pratt, Mervin R. Chace, Benj. P. Cunningham and David P.



CHARLES E. CASE, Layman.



R. C. BROWN, Layman.

Davis. On July 4th, 1852, the lecture room was occupied, and on November 10th, the church, having cost \$16,000, was dedicated. The sermon was preached by Rev. Daniel Wise.

IMPROVEMENTS AND PROGRESS.

In 1856, during the pastorate of Rev. Micah J. Talbot, \$5,000 was paid on the church debt. In 1864, in the second pastorate of Rev. Samuel C. Brown, the building was enlarged to its present seating capacity of 800, having cost up to that date \$24,000. The re-dedication services occurred November 24, 1864, Rev. R. M. Hatfield of Brooklyn preaching the sermon. Ten years later, during the pastorate of Rev. Geo. E. Reed, class rooms were added at the rear of the church and other improvements were made, at an expense of \$3,000. At the same time, through the efforts and liberality of Organist Wm. J. Hathaway and others, a magnificent organ was put in, at an ex-



IRAM SMITH (Deceased).



WILLIAM MASON (Deceased).

pense of about \$5,000. In 1879, under the skillful direction of Rev. R. H. Rust, pastor, who was especially aided by the very great liberality of Mr. Leroy Sargent, the church debt (\$7,000) was paid. In April, 1897, the trustees obtained, mostly by purchase (a few being donated) all the pews owned by individuals, and the corporation (society) was dissolved. This desirable result was due very largely to the untiring efforts of Rev. A. J. Coultas, the retiring pastor, as he closed his five years' pastorate. The trustees now hold a beautiful church edifice and a comfortable parsonage, the latter valued at \$5,000.

REVIVALS AND CHURCH WORK.

The most notable revivals in the history of the church have been as follows: 1857-58, pastorate of Samuel C. Brown; 1863, pastorate of J. A. M. Chapman; 1871, pastorate of Emory J. Haynes; 1873-74, pastorate of Geo. E. Reed; 1879, pastorate of R. H. Rust, when Pentecost and Stebbins were in the city.

St. Paul's Church has aided greatly in the establishment of the four M. E. Churches which have been organized in the city since this



H. H. MILLER. Ex-President Epworth League.

one. Its members have contributed financially, have joined the membership, and some of its officials have even served for some years on the boards of the new organizations. The Deconess Home of this city owes its origin and its support very largely to the members of St. Paul's. In benevolent collections it has contributed \$21,000 to missions (including \$1,016 in the year 1864), and \$23,000 to the other church benevolences. The total number who have been members of our church is 1,376. The present membership is 400.

PASTORS.

1851-52. Ralph W. Allen 1853-54. John Hobart 1855-56. Micah J. Talbot Samuel C. Brown 1857-58. 1859-60. John B. Gould J. A. M. Chapman 1861-62. 1863-64. Samuel C. Brown Alfred A. Wright 1865 Geo. A. Bowler 1866-67. Francis J. Wagner Emory J. Haynes Geo. E. Reed 1868-69. 1870-71. 1872-74. Geo. W. Woodruff 1875-76. 1877-79. R. H. Rust C. W. Gallagher E. M. Taylor 1880-81. 1882-84. 1885-86. H. D. Kimball J. C. Hull 1887-88.

J. M. Williams

1889-91.

1892-96. A. J. Coultas 1897— J. H. MacDonald



St. PAUL'S PARSONAGE.

It is worthy of mention that of all our ex-pastors, one only is now preaching in this Conference.

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—Charles E. Case, Robert C. Brown, Wm. S. Greene, James E. McCreery, Thos. F. Vickery, Iram N. Smith, Henry W. Davis, M. V. B. Benson, Frank B. Akin.

Stewards—Vernon Wade, A. F. Shove, A. L. Luther, Wm. F. Winter, Wm. H. Simmons, Frank B. Albro, Dr. S. W. Gibbs, H. H. Miller, Wm. H. Goss, Jas. Hunter, Chas. H. Cook, John H. Douglass, Ellery C. Davis.

Class Leaders-Jos. Wood, Dr. R. J. Thompson, A. J. Marble,

Geo. W. Hadcock.

Local Preacher-L. M. Fisher.

Sunday School—Has enrolled 45 teachers and 476 scholars. Superintendent, Wm. S. Greene; First Assistant Superintendent, A. J. Marble; Second Assistant Superintendent, A. F. Shove; Secretary, Chas. E. Brightman; Treasurer, Geo. K. Brown; Librarian, Harry Howland.

Epworth League—The Epworth League, established in the pastorate of Rev. H. D. Kimball, and now numbering 160 members, has the following officers: President, George W. Penniman; First Vice-President, H. H. Miller; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Kate M. Cooper; Third Vice-President, Arthur W. Smith; Treasurer, Miss Carrie Hunter; Secretary, Miss Edna S. Negus.

SUMMERFIELD M. E. CHURCH, FALL RIVER, MASS.

Summerfield is the youngest of the six M. E. churches in Fall River, having been organized May 9, 1875, with eight members and nine probationers. It was the outgrowth of a movement begun by



SUMMERFIELD CHURCH.

the "Fall River Praying Band," an organization connected with the other M. E. churches of the city. On the evening of April 20, 1874, this band held a meeting "for the consideration of making some movement for the spreading of the gospel truth and saving of the perishing, especially in those parts of the city where the people were without church privileges." An invitation to hold a prayer meeting

at the home of Mr. John Wood, near the Narragansett mill, was accepted. It was attended by only four persons besides the family of Mr. Wood. At a second meeting the attendance was greatly in-

creased, and the spiritual power was so marked that it was decided to continue the meetings in this vicinity. Sinners were converted and backsliders reclaimed. On the evening of May 18, 1874, Rev. George E. Reed, pastor of St. Paul's, organized a class, appointing



SUMMERFIELD PARSONAGE.

Mr. Edward F. Anthony, leader. Sabbath services began to be held June 14, 1874, in a hall belonging to Mechanics mill, which were well attended. In the early fall a movement was made to secure a permanent place of worship. Messrs. A. J. Marble and C. W. An-



REV. L. M. FLOCKEN.



MRS. L. M. FLOCKEN.

thony were appointed a committee to look for a suitable location. A lot was given, on the corner of North Main and Terry Streets. Sufficient money having been pledged to insure success, a meeting of the subscribers was called on the evening of September 9. Rev. George

E. Reed was chosen chairman. C. W. Anthony, A. J. Marble, G. F. Hathaway, D. M. Pierce and C. F. Copeland were elected trustees and authorized to proceed with the erection of a chapel. On the 24th of January, 1875, the upper vestry was opened, and the Sunday School organized, with forty-four members. The services of Mr. John Hull were secured to canvass the neighborhood. The children responded to his invitation in such numbers that ampler quarters were soon needed, and the school was moved into the auditorium. It was now thought best to secure a pastor. Dr. W. V. Morrison, P. E., was consulted with regard to stationing a Conference minister. Accordingly, Rev. W. B. Heath was appointed at the annual Conference held in New Bedford in April. The pastorate of Mr. Heath, ably assisted by his wife and now sainted mother, was very successful, and



JAMES HARGRAVES.
Sunday School Superintendent.



ELISHA H. SMALL. Epworth League President.

the new enterprise became a thriving and prosperous church. It was dedicated June 24, 1875, by Bishop Isaac W. Wiley, who preached from John xii., 19. Twice in this early period was the devoted little band stricken with bereavement, by the death, first, in August, 1874, of a Mrs. Winslow, an elderly lady who had taken a deep interest from the beginning; and, second, on March 17, 1875, of an esteemed lady, the wife of Royal B. Luther. Both passed away suddenly but in great peace of mind.

The first name of the church was the "Terry Street M. E." In 1878 it was removed to the corner of North Main and Hood Streets, a most desirable location on North Park. It was then called the "North Main Street M. E. Church." During the summer of 1883 the building was raised, enlarged, and a capacious vestry put under-

neath. The name was again changed to "Park M. E. Church." Rev. Geo. E. Fuller was then pastor. In 1890 a troublesome debt, which had hung over the church for some time, was lifted through the heroic efforts of Rev. R. D. Dyson. The name was changed to "Summer-



GEORGE WHITTAKER, President Board of Trustees.

field," in honor of the Rev. John Summerfield, so famous for eloquence in Methodist annals. The Hon. John S. Brayton presented the church with a life-sized portrait of the re-Summerfield, elegantly nowned Through Mr. Dyson's efframed. forts, in 1891, a commodious parsonage was erected, valued at \$2,600, on which there is still an indebtedness of \$1,100. The church edifice is valued at \$12,000, and is free from debt. Among the donors and helpers that made the church a possibility, there are many worthy examples, the most notable being A. J. Marble, first Sunday School Superintendent, Charles

W. Anthony and R. S. Reed.

The esprit de corps of Summerfield may be said to have been the revival spirit. In all the pastorates this has been manifest to a greater or less degree, and there have been large accessions. This is necessary for the church to hold its own in the midst of a floating population such as is here found. The most notable revivals, however. occurred in the pastorates of Rev. Geo. E. Fuller and Rev. M. S. Kaufman, Mrs. M. N. Vancott, the noted lady evangelist, rendering valuable assistance in each. In the present pastorate the church was visited by a gracious revival during the month of January, 1897. An Epworth League, organized in the fall of 1896, with a membership of seventy, is working in all the departments. A Junior League, formed three years ago by Miss Nellie Olson, deaconess, is now doing good work under the management of Mrs. Sadie R. Griffin, the present deaconess, with a membership of forty-five. A Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society, which has been connected with the church for several years, is very helpful, maintaining, as it does, a lyceum and reading room. A circle of King's Daughters has proven itself helpful, as has also the ever indispensable "Ladies' Social."

The present enrollment of the church is 190 members and eight probationers. That of the Sunday School is 300.

PASTORS.

1875-78.	Wm. B. Heath	1885-88.	M. S. Kaufman
1878-79.	J. F. Sheffield	1888-90.	James Tregaskis
1879-82.	Eben Tirrell, Jr.	1890-94.	Robert D. Dyson
1882-83.	E. F. Smith	1894-96.	Edwin F. Jones
1883-85.	George E. Fuller	1896	Louis M. Flocken

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—George Whittaker, Chas. W. Anthony, S. R. Vestall, Edward M. Palmer, Elisha H. Small, Wm. Squires, James Howard, James Hargraves.

Stewards—John Tallman, Wm. Squires, David H. Manchester, Edward Dumas, James Hargraves, Thomas Whomby, Howarth Tay-

lor, Fred Buffinton, Alex. Steen, H. B. Hilton.

Class Leaders—Edward Quarmby, Horden Howard, Howarth Taylor.

Deaconess-Sadie R. Griffin.

Sunday School—James Hargraves, Superintendent; Wm. Squires, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Abbie Lant, Superintendent of Primary Department; Adah Buffinton and Sarah Illsley, Assistants; Henry B. Hilton, Secretary and Treasurer; H. Buffinton and J. Dearden, Assistant Treasurers; Nelson Dumas, Librarian; Wm. Squires, Jr., Assistant Librarian; Malvie H. Goff, Organist; Mamie Whittaker, Assistant Organist; Fred Buffinton, Chorister.

Teachers—Mrs. Emma Orton, Viola Gifford, Sadie Vestall, Sarah Whittaker, Faith Waterworth, Sarah Waterworth, Mrs. L. M. Flocken, Rose Howard, Mrs. Mary Whittaker, Jennie Dumas, S. R. Griffin, Malvie H. Goff, Howarth Taylor, Mary Nowell, James Howard, Edward Quarmby, Edward Atherton, Lizzie Peacock, Edward Dumas.

Epworth League—Elisha H. Small, President; Howarth Taylor, First Vice-President; S. R. Griffin, Second Vice-President; Thomas Whomby, Third Vice-President; Nelson Dumas, Fourth Vice-President; Rose Howard, Secretary; Sarah Whittaker, Treasurer.

M. E. CHURCH, FALMOUTH, MASS.

By a Friend of the Church.

The first mention in the records of the church bearing the name "Methodist Episcopal," is in 1809. Those of that faith were few, but through the labors of Rev. Erastus Otis, a society was gathered, which in 1811 was incorporated as the Methodist Society of Falmouth and



THE FALMOUTH CHURCH.

Sandwich. Methodism came into Falmouth two years before this. The first meeting was held January 8, 1807, in the house of Captain Stephen Swift. Dr. Hugh G. Donaldson was a pioneer in the faith;



B. B. KING, President Board of Trustees.



MRS. JAMES H. JONES, Junior League Superintendent.

his death occurred in 1812. Of these early meetings no record was kept.

The meeting for incorporation was held in Pocasset in June, 1811.

A meeting-house was erected that year, near the cemetery, east of Falmouth village. In 1829 Wm. Nye deeded to the society a half acre of land near the central portion of the village, to which the church was removed in 1848. During the pastorate of Rev. E. D. Trakey it was taken down and the present church building was built on the same site.

The old church has enjoyed prosperity and endured adversity. Her ranks have grown thin, and again and again been replenished by gracious revivals. During the pastorate of W. H. Stetson, in 1852, an extensive revival rewarded his faithful work. It was at that time that Rev. Dr. G. M. Hamlen, then a young man, gave himself



J. H. JONES. Sunday School Superintendent.



MISS AGNES FULTON. Epworth League President.

to the Lord. A few are living and have remained faithful, but "some have fallen asleep." Children have gone out from the fold and built homes for themselves—West Falmouth in 1857, East Falmouth in 1859, Woods Hole in 1884. It gave to the ministry Rev. C. T. Hatch, and can claim with other scattered children some of our ministers' wives—of later years, the wives of Rev. J. M. Taber and of Rev. E. W. Eldredge. A revival during the pastorate of Rev. H. W. Hamblin, a local preacher, gave to the church a few faithful ones who stand to-day as witnesses of God's power to save.

Larger and more desirable churches rather overshadow this little church, but notwithstanding, it has ever possessed a "faithful few" who have made the church one of the strongest centres of spiritual power in the town. Many members in the other churches date their conversions to the little Methodist Church on Main Street. The oldest member living is Mrs. T. G. McLane, 80 years of age, standing on the "border land," a witness for the Master.

This sketch would hardly be complete without reference to Mr. B. B. King, who has been one of the financial and spiritual pillars of this church through many long years of conflict and victory.

Through the perseverance and help of Rev. J. E. Blake, during his pastorate in 1895, a chapel addition was built costing \$1,000. Much credit is due Dr. A. T. Walker and B. B. King for help rendered at that time. The present value of the church property is \$5,000.

PASTORS.

1809-10. 1811. 1812.	Erastus Otis and B. F. Lombard Stephen Bailey J. A. Merrill		
1813. 1814.	*Abner Clark Wm. Frost and T. C. Pierce		
1815-16. 1817. 1818.	J. W. Hardy Shipley W. Wilson Benj. Keith	15	
1819. 1820.	Talman Stuart Edward T. Taylor		
1821-22. 1823. 1824.	Nathan Paine Joseph Allen Frederick N. Upham		
1825. 1825. 1826.	E. Otis J. Hutchinson Jotham Haven		
1827. 1828. 1829.	Benj. Hazleton Aaron Summers Laroy Sunderland		
1830. 1831.	N. S. Spaulding Charles Richardson		EV. R. H. SCHUETT.
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1880.	D. J. Griffin	1888.	C. K. Jenness
1881.	W. C. Helt	1889-90.	H. C. Scripps
1882.	J. M. Taber	1891.	R. S. Moore
1883.	Thomas Sims	1892-93.	F. L. Streeter
1884.	T. A. Johnstone	1894-95.	J. E. Blake
1885.	Percy Perinchief	1896.	C. N. Hinkley
1886.	A. G. Smith	1897—	R. H. Schuett
1887.	E. W. Eldridge		

*On an old gravestone in the Methodist Cemetery we find the name of Abner Clark, of North Salem, N. H.; died February, 1814, aged 26.

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M. E. CHURCH, LITTLE COMPTON, R. I.

Methodism first came to Little Compton from Newport, R. I., in the year 1816; not in any organized manner, but in the home life and heart experience of Mr. Lemuel Sisson and family, and settled at Seaconnet Point, five miles distant from the village proper, called Little Compton. Mr. Sisson's family consisted of himself and wife and eleven children. Into this home that was so loyal and devoted to God and his Church, their pastor from Newport would come occasionally and hold Methodist meetings. Friends and neighbors were invited in. The interest increased till in 1820 they were able



LITTLE COMPTON CHURCH.

to have preaching services every two weeks, conducted by Rev. Daniel Dorchester, then at Portsmouth. In 1821 a local preacher by the name of Levi Chase, from Somerset, held meetings around in private houses, during the month of June. On July 7 of the same year Rev. Daniel Webb came to Little Compton and preached in Mr. Sisson's home. After the preaching service he administered the ordinance of baptism to seven candidates, and then organized a class, appointing Mr. Sisson leader. During the same year, on September 28 and 29, was held the first Quarterly Meeting, under the friendly shelter of Mr. Sisson's This was the beginning of Methodism in Little Compton.

For five years regular preaching services were held in this Mecca of Methodism, but such was the growth of the class that had been organized but four years, that in 1825 it was found necessary to build. The first Methodist church was built on the West Road, at the head of what is now called Meeting-House Lane, on a site of land purchased from Sylvester Brownell. Here the Methodists worshipped for fifteen years, when it was deemed advisable to seek another location. A lot, situated on the Common, was granted by the town, and upon this the second Methodist church was built in 1839, and dedicated April 16, 1840. The sermon of the occasion was preached by Rev. Daniel Webb, who, at the time of his death in 1867, was the old-

est effective Methodist preacher in the United States, if not in the world. He was assisted in the service by the pastor, Rev. Joseph Brown. The first church building was sold, and to-day is occupied as a residence, in the centre of the town.

In this new edifice, thirty-two years of growth resulted in such a sending down of roots and pushing out of branches that it was again found necessary to seek enlarged quarters. The project of a new church was the result of efforts put forth by Rev. A. A. Wright, pastor during the period of 1867-69. It was fostered by the society, and brought to completion in 1872, during the pastorate of Rev. S. T. Patterson. The new edifice stands just across the road from the



REV. M. B. WILSON.



MRS. M. B. WILSON.

old one, cost \$14,000, and was dedicated October 22, 1872, Bishop Simpson officiating, and also preaching the sermon, from Isaiah lx, 13. The old church was sold, and is now occupied by the Odd Fellows.

At the time of dedication, \$7,000 indebtedness remained. This was all canceled before the dedicatory service took place, the people determining to honor God by presenting Him a house free of debt!

Entering into the church we find a good-sized room on each side of the passage-way, for class meetings and social purposes, while at the end of the hall is a nicely arranged Sunday School room, 40x40 feet. Passing up stairs from the entry, we are introduced into a large auditorium, seated with circular pews, and accommodating from 350 to 400. The ceiling is finished in Gothic style, and neatly frescoed, while in the choir loft is a large pipe organ. All the rooms are illuminated by gas, and well furnished for the work in hand.

PASTORS.

1820.	Daniel Dorchester
1821-22.	Isaac Stoddard
1823.	Milton French
1824.	Joel McKee
1825.	Newell Spaulding
1025.	Newell Spaulding



LEMUEL SISSON.
Sunday School Superintendent.

1826.	David Culver
1827.	Amos Binney
1828.	Stephen Puffer
1829.	Hiram Walden
1830-31.	William Barstow
1832-33.	Israel Washburn
1834.	G. H. Winchester

1835.	Henry Smith
1836.	Daniel H. Bannister
1837-38.	Philip Crandon
1839.	Joseph Brown
1840.	Joseph Brown John C. Goodrich
1841.	Lemuel Harlow
1842.	John W. Case
1843-44.	Daniel Webb
1845-46.	Philip Crandon
1847-48.	Richard Donkersley
1849-50.	Elihu Grant
1851.	G. W. Rogers
1852-53.	Carlos Banning
1854-55.	B. L. Sayer
1856-57.	J. B. Weeks
1858.	Charles Hammond
1859.	John N. Collier
1860.	G. B. Cargill
1861-62.	C. A. Merrill
1863.	C. S. Sanford
1864-65.	S. W. Coggeshall
1866.	W. McKendree Bray
1867-69.	A. A. Wright
1870-71.	Walter Ela
1872-74.	S. T. Patterson
1875-77.	W. J. Smith J. O. Thompson
1878-79.	J. O. Thompson
1880-82.	J. H. Humphrey
1883-85.	E. W. Goodier
1886-88.	W. P. Stoddard
1889-91.	E. W. Goodier W. P. Stoddard C. H. Ewer
1892-96.	W. E. Kugler
1897	M. B. Wilson

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Teachers—Albert Peckham, James E. Peckham, Lemuel Sisson, M. B. Wilson, Isaac Bearse, Mrs. Samuel Wills, Mrs. Albert Peckham, G. Herbert Brownell, Ephraim B. Sisson, Mrs. Abram Wardell,

Mrs. Hattie Simmons.

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M. E. CHURCH, LONG PLAIN, MASS.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Rochester, organized in 1823, disbanded in 1857, and its few members united with the members upon Long Plain, forming the Long Plain society.

According to the record, during the season of 1822, Philip Cran-



LONG PLAIN CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

don, Sr., conferred with some of the more aged and serious of his neighbors respecting the importance of religious instruction in this place (Rochester). "The more aged and thoughtful, by the request of P. Crandon, agreed to procure the preaching of the gospel. Some wanted of one denomination, some of another, when Philip Crandon proposed that he would obtain a supply for the pulpit half the time if his friends would supply the other half."

Mr. Crandon conferred with Rev. Solomon Sias of New Bedford, who presented the matter to the Conference of 1823. Rev. Phineas Crandall was sent by the Conference to Rochester and Middleborough.

In 1825 Leonard B. Griffin came to the circuit and was instrumental in building a church in 1828. The trustees of that first church built at Snipatuit Hill were John Bennett, Jr., Philip Crapo, William Bryant, Billings F. Corey, Jonathan Vaughn, Lewis Shaw, Otis Shearman, Philip Crandon of Rochester, and William Spooner of New Bedford.



REV. PHILIP CRANDON.
The First Pastor.

The Long Plain church was organized in 1857 and the membership was strengthened by the remaining members of the Rochester church. Philip Crandon had a son, Philip Crandon, Jr., who was appointed in 1840 to the church which his father was largely instrumental in organizing, and he was the first minister in charge of Long Plain appointed by the Conference.

The growth of the church has not been great. Under the pastorate of the Rev. Jay Kirkendall, then a student at Boston University School of Theology, the membership was largely increased and the church refurnished and repaired.

Pastors—Philip Crandon, S. Wallace, Henry H. Smith, Josiah C. Allen, Moses Chase, George H. Winchester, S. T. Carroll, Caleb S. Sandford, Francis A. Loomis, George H. Butler, Erastus W. Goodier, John Thompson, Roderick J. Mooney, John S. Bell, Solomon P. Snow, William D. Wilkinson, Charles K. Jenness, Asaph Wicks, Jay Kirkendall and J. Elbert Thomas, the present pastor.



REV. J. ELBERT THOMAS.



JAMES SHERMAN, Chairman Board of Trustees.

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Sunday School—Superintendent, Mrs. Thomas L. Clark. Epworth League President—Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH, MARION, MASS.

This church was organized July 8, 1865, by Rev. Thos. Ely, Presiding Elder of Sandwich District, assisted by Rev. G. S. Alexander, pastor of the M. E. church in Wareham, Mass.

Thirty members, together with their pastor, Rev. R. H. Dorr, from the Protestant Methodist Church of Marion, presented themselves in a body for admission into the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Quarterly Conference was organized, with Samuel Robinson as class leader, and Daniel Hall, superintendent of the Sunday School. Rev. R. H. Dorr was appointed pastor by Presiding Elder Ely, and was assisted in his work for a short time by Rev. G. S. Alexander of Wareham.

In August following the organization a grove meeting was held, during which a score of souls were saved, and the church was started in its work. In the grove meeting the pastor was assisted by Revs. J. A. Wood of Wyoming Conference, J. F. Sheffield of Providence Conference, and W. B. Gorham.

The first pastor sent by the Conference was Rev. Abel Alton. Services were held for a short time in the district school house. A small church was built, and dedicated early in 1867. After preaching in the new church but once Mr. Alton was taken sick and died in March of 1867. He was a man of God, and his memory is still held in highest regard. At the next Conference session, Rev. D. J. Griffin was sent to Marion and remained two years. His pastorate was almost one continual revival. The pastors who served Marion, and whose names are given below, had many things to discourage them. For fifteen years, however, the spiritual work of the church was strong; then on account of the death of many of its members, and the moving away of some, it suffered a period of discouragement, during which its existence as an organization was almost threatened. But by the efforts and prayers of earnest men and women, the tide was turned, and its growth has been steady ever since.

During the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Washburn the church building was enlarged and new pews added. During Rev. Frederick Upham's pastorate the church building was deeded to the Methodist church, and a debt of \$200 was paid. Rev. J. S. Bell erected a parsonage and secured an organ and furnace for the church. Rev. J. S. Thomas, during his stay, refitted and refurnished the church, and added much to its comfort and attractiveness.

The membership of the Marion Church has never been large, and from the nature of its location can never expect to be anything more than a live country church. Its whole life has been marked by

deep spirituality. Many young men and women have been started and trained in the Christian life in this church, and have gone to swell the ranks and power of some of our churches more favorably located.

Among the prominent laymen of years ago was William Briggs whose picture appears here. ,







WILLIAM BRIGGS, (Deceased).

PASTORS.

1865.	R. H. Dorr	1881.	D. M. Rogers
1866.	Abel Alton	1881-82.	A. C. Peck
1867-68.	D. J. Griffin	1882.	Rev. Mr. Sanford
1869.	W. N. Chase	1883-84.	J. L. Litch
1870-72.	J. B. Washburn		(Congregationalist)
1873.	J. W. Gaddis	1885.	E. W. Eldridge
1873.	W. McLaughlin	1886-88.	J. S. Bell
1874-75.	F. Upham	1889-92.	J. S. Thomas
1876-77.	E. W. Culver	1893-95.	J. E. Duxbury
1878.	T. B. Gurney	1896.	Richard Burn
1879-80.	Samuel McKeown	1896	Jay Kirkendall

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Class Leader—Rufus L. Savory.
Sunday School Superintendent—Lucretia Coffin.
Epworth League President—Bessie E. Briggs.





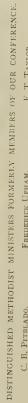






S. L. GRACEY. ENSIGN M¢CHESNEY,







C. B. PITBLADO. AMOS BINNEY.

ROBERT M. HATFIELD. L. B. BATES,

FREDERICK UPHAM, LEWIS BATES

MARK TRAFTON, E. T. TAYLOR.

M. E. CHURCH, MARSHFIELD, MASS.

Marshfield has the distinction of being the former home of Daniel Webster, Massachusetts' greatest statesman.

In a book entitled "Father Taylor, the Sailor Preacher," by Gilbert Haven and Thomas Russell, on pages 86 and 89, we learn that



THE MARSHFIELD CHURCH.

"Father Taylor's" first pastorate was on Scituate Circuit, in which Marshfield was one preaching place. In a letter by Mrs. Taylor to her sisters, dated "Duxbury, November 9, 1819," it is said: "The prospect of a revival of religion is pleasing, particularly in Marshfield and Duxbury." From this we infer that the organization of the Methodist Church here was probably some years prior to 1819. There is now in the possession of the Recording Steward a book entitled "Steward's Book, Marshfield Circuit, July 23d. 1825." It is well preserved, and contains important records (with a roll of forty-one members "In Full" in 1825) which contains records to 1848. This is the earliest local rec-

ord we have been able to find. The first page is as follows:-



THE MARSHFIELD PARSONAGE.

"QUARTERLY MEETINGS."

"First Quarterly Meeting held July 23, 1825. Present: E. Hyde, P. Elder; H. Mayo, B. Jones, circuit preachers; Mr. Gold, local

preacher; Mr. Melzer Sprague, steward; Brothers Hatch, Williamson, Tolman and Chandler. Opened with prayer. Proceeded to business. Chose B. Jones secretary, Brothers Anthony Hatch and John Chandler stewards. Adjourned."



WEBSTER HOME.

There were three Quarterly Meetings held that Conference year, one at Scituate, the other two at Marshfield, the last bearing the date "February 11, 1826," at which B. Gurney, at his request, was granted license to preach. The first Quarterly Conference, July 6, 1826, met



REV. L. H. MASSEY,



MRS. L. H. MASSEY.

in the "M. House," Daniel Dorchester, Presiding Elder. This "M. House" was the "Meeting House" often mentioned in later records. When it was built we have not been able to ascertain, but it stood

on the hill, in the northwest part of what is now the village of Marshfield, on the same spot occupied now by the church, which took its place in 1854. The latter is yet a neat frame building, painted white, with a tall steeple, which can be seen from many distant points.

The first parsonage was a part of a building brought from the place now occupied by Geo. Baker's store, across the river, and placed on the same spot where the parsonage now stands. The first mention of the parsonage we find was in 1834, when the third Quarterly Conference was "held at the parsonage." Prior to this the Quarterly Conferences are mentioned as held at the "Meeting House," and once at "Dr. Melzar Sprague's house, September 13, 1831."

There is a book, containing trustees' records, dating from May 9, 1853, down to 1864. In this book there is a record of the action



NATHANIEL TAYLOR. Recording Secretary.



CHARLES M. HARLOW. President Board of Trustees.

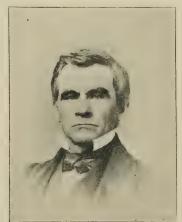
of the board in building the present parsonage, in 1860, to which Calvin S. Magoun proposed to give \$300 for the purpose, "if the trustees would hire a sufficient sum to finish said house, with the understanding if the house ceases to be a parsonage of the M. E. church within fifty years, that the \$300 which he pays shall be refunded to him or his heirs." This proposition was accepted, the house was built, and, October 3, 1860, the trustees gave C. S. Magoun a note of \$200 "to cancel all the outstanding bills on the new parsonage." How much was raised besides the \$300 donated and the \$200 hired is not known; but probably not very much more was required to build such a house at that time.

The church has been managed by men of sturdy common sense,

with consciences quickened by the grace of God. The class meeting, now led by Bro. Bryant C. Pratt, has been kept alive from the first. As early as October 26, 1835, there was a Sunday School, governed by a "S. S. Society," under a well-written constitution, in a book containing records down to 1855. There is also a "Constitution" of "The Marshfield Ladies' Benevolent Society of the M. E. Church," with records as far back as 1870. This society is still a potent factor in the work of the church.

PASTORS.

1819.	E. T. Taylor]
1820-25.	H. Mayo and B. Jones]
1826.	C. K. Avery]
1827-28.	Three quarterly Con-]
	ferences held, but no	
	pastor's name men-	-
	tioned	
1829.	Probably A. D. Mer-	
	rill, then pastor at	
	no record	
1830.	Lewis Janson	



L. MAGOUN (Deceased).

1831.	Charles Macreading
1832.	Mark Staple
1833.	Benjamin Keith
1834.	R. D. Easterbrook
1835-36.	William Ramsdell
1837.	Enoch Reading
1838.	Elisha B. Bradford
1839-40.	Samuel Palmer

1841-42.	Henry Mayo
1842.	Dixon Stebbins
1844.	William Leonard
	O. Robbins
1845.	Larian Diagna
1846-47.	Lozien Pierce John B. Gould Samuel Beedle
1848.	John B. Gould
1849.	Samuel Beedle
1850.	Thomas B. Blake
1851.	Theoph. B. Gurney
1852-54.	Oliver P. Farrington
1855-56.	Benjamin K. Bosworth
1857-58.	Robert Gould
1859.	Thomas C. Pratt
1860-61.	Lawton Cady
1862-63.	Franklin Sears
1864-65.	Josiah C. Allen
1866.	Benjamin F. Pease
1867-68.	Joseph C. Cramack
1869.	Charles S. Mace (July)
1870.	37 4 337 04
1871-72.	Benjamin K. Bosworth James H. Humphrey Daniel M. Rogers John H. Allen Fred'c A. Crafts John F. Sheffield Theoph. B. Gurney Almon F. Hovt. April
1873.	James H. Humphrey
1874-75.	Daniel M. Rogers
1876-78.	John H. Allen
1879-80.	Fred'c A. Crafts
1881-82.	John F. Sheffield
1883.	Theoph B Gurney
1884.	Almon F. Hoyt, April
	to September
1884-85.	Benjamin F. Jackson
1886.	George A. Coe, May
1000.	to July
1886-87.	J. W. Luccock
1888.	N. C. Alger
1889.	T R Ackley
_ /	J. B. Ackley
1890-91.	Merrick Ransom

Francis D. Sargent

G. H. Hefflon John Thompson L. H. Massey

1892. 1893-94.

1895-96. 1897-—

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Class Leader—B. C. Pratt.

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Teachers—Nathaniel Taylor, W. F. Morey, Martha Taylor, Hattie Belknap.

Reserve Teachers—Mrs. M. A. Massey, Jennie Bailey, Leroy Bartlett.

Christian Endeavor Society—Organized by Rev. G. H. Hefflon, July 1, 1893. President, Miss Martha Taylor; Vice-President, Eldon Bailey; Secretary, Mrs. M. A. Massey; Treasurer, W. F. Morey.

M. E. CHURCH, WEST DUXBURY, MASS.

In 1829 the Rev. A. D. Merrill, then pastor of the Methodist



THE WEST DUXBURY CHURCH.

Episcopal Church at Duxbury, held occasional evening services in the West Duxbury school house, and person was converted. Rev. Lewis Janson, pastor at Marshfield, held services here once a month, and one other person was converted, in 1830. In the year 1831, under the labors of Rev. James Bicknell, many professed conversion, and a class of eleven was formed, and connected with the church at Duxbury. 1832, by the aid of the Duxbury Church, a meeting-house was erected at Ashdod, where services were held, and in October the house was dedicated. sermon being preached the bv Rev. B. F. Lombard, the Presiding Elder. A pas-

tor being petitioned for, the Rev. Thomas Stetson was appointed—1833—remaining two years.

Thus began the work, and thus, in four years from the beginning, a new charge was added to the Conference.

"Until 1842," says one of its historians, "the church was blessed with general success." But at this date occurred the "Wesleyan Secession," at Duxbury, when several members withdrew from this church, disturbing its harmony, and reducing its financial power. The next year (1843), under Rev. William Leonard, however, was a prosperous one in conversions and accessions to the membership, and, the Wesleyan Church (at Marshfield) having dissolved, some that had withdrawn returned, and the house being enlarged, under Rev. I. C. Fifield, in 1848, continued to prosper. In 1867, following up business and the population, it was decided to sell the old, and build a new church. Under the labors of Rev. J. B. Washburn, the pastor, the location on the corner of High and Taylor Streets was selected, and the year 1868 witnessed the erection of the present church, under the pastorate of Rev. Edwin D. Hall, at a cost of \$7,000, being dedicated June 11, Rev. Samuel F. Upham preaching the sermon. It was a joyful day, and under an appeal by the pastor, \$800 was raised at the time, leaving a debt of \$2,700. This was further reduced by some \$300, available from the sale of the former house and lot. So that at the close of the year, the pastor wrote "The dove of



GEORGE T. CHANDLER, Sunday School Superintendent.

peace, with her snow-white wings, hovers o'er us; the finances of the church in a safe condition; all assessments for benevolences met, and no blanks on the minutes of the year." This year, also, ten conversions and nine accessions were reported. debt on the church hung heavily upon the society, being reduced from time to time, for a number of years, until it was finally removed, in the year 1888, by the heroic efforts of Rev. F. L. Brooks, the pastor, and his grateful people. A jubilee service and bonfire, which consumed the note, marks the day on which the heavy burden was lifted.

Prior to this time, the business interests of the place declined, and the church was weakened both numerically and financially. The parsonage was sold, and the church for a number of years has been served, principally, by students of the School of Theology of Boston University. The boys, however, and the other pastors, have all done

noble work, and a kind and noble people are yet "holding up the pastor's hands," and rejoicing in the highest of all privileges, that of being "laborers together with God."

PASTORS.

Including, as the three first named, those under whom the work began:

1829. 1830. 1831. 1832.	A. D. Merrill Lewis Janson James Bicknell The Pastor of Dux-	1862. 1863-64. 1865-67. 1868.	Edwin D. Hall
1833-34. 1835.	bury Thomas Stetson Lemuel Harlow	1869.	G. W. Wooding (until November) and H. C. Dunham
1836. 1837. 1838-39.	Henry B. Skinner Elisha B. Bradford (Ziba B. C., changed	1870-71. 1872-73.	Charles Hammond (J. R. Ward to July) W. L. Phillips
	by General Court to) Howard C. Dunham	1875. 1876.	Joseph Marsh Silas Sprowls
1840.	Chester Field, Jr.	1877.	J. H. Vincent
1841.	Lewis Dwight	1878-79.	Justus H. Nelson
1842.	Aaron Joslin	1880.	William Willcocks
1843.	William Leonard	1881.	B. K. Bosworth
1844.	George H. Winchester	1883.	Winfield W. Hall
1845.	Robert R. Thompson	1884.	W. L. Hood
1846.	George W. Rogers	1885.	B. W. Hutchinson
1847.	Addison Woodard	1886.	Arthur N. Searles
1848-49.	John C. Fifield	1887-88.	F. L. Brooks
1850-51.	Oliver P. Farrington	1889.	F. E. Highway
1852.	John Tasker	1890.	G. A. Sisson
1853-55.	Samuel Norris	1891.	Francis D. Sargent
1856-57.	Josiah C. Allen	1892.	Everett S. Hammond.
1858-59.	George Watson	1893-94.	George H. Hefflon
1860.	Howard C. Dunham	1895-6.	John Thompson
1861.	James B. Weeks.	1897	Lucius H. Massey

Note—From records given, from 1855 to 1868, a period of 13 years, the average estimate for pastoral support was \$434.61; the average amount paid was \$392.37, a deficit in 13 years of \$455. The whole amount during this period for Conference Claimants was \$61; raised for missions, \$88; Bible cause, \$8; Tract Society, \$14; Sunday School Union, \$11; miscellaneous, \$8; membership, in this period ranged from 61 to 87; average, about 70 (for 11 years 70 and a fraction).

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—John J. McFarlin, George F. Chandler, Chas. F. Howland.

Stewards—John J. McFarlin, George F. Chandler, Charles F. Howland, Mrs. H. D. Thrasher, Mrs. Cordelia Randall, Mrs. Elizabeth McFarlin.

Sunday School—Superintendent, George T. Chandler; Assistant Superintendent, John J. McFarlin; Secretary, Ethel Howland; Librarian, Albert Estes; Assistant, Miss S. E. Snell; Teachers, Mrs. H. D. Thrasher, E. T. McFarlin, Miss S. E. Snell, Mrs. S. E. Lewis, Miss Lizzie Alden.

Y. P. S. C. E.—President, Miss Lizzie Alden; Vice-President, Miss Lizzie Atwood; Secretary, Miss S. E. Snell; Treasurer, Miss Alberta Estes.

M. E. CHURCH, MARSTON'S MILLS, MASS.

Aaron Lummis was the first regularly appointed Methodist Episcopal preacher in charge of the town of Barnstable. This was in the year 1813, and it was during this year that the people of Marston's Mills heard the Gospel first from the lips of a Methodist preacher.



MARSTON'S MILLS CHURCH.

But although there were Methodist preachers in the field continuously from this time, yet it was not until 1826 that regular classes were formed upon the circuit, and among the other classes organized was the Hamblin's Plains class, which many years later became a part of the Marston's Mills class. It was in 1829 that the church building which now stands at Marston's Mills was purchased from the Yarmouth class and moved to its present site.

In the year 1838 Marston's Mills was cut off from the Barnstable circuit, and became a separate station; and their first quarterly Conference was held July 24 of that same year; and Nathan Hamblin

was chosen secretary of the Conference, which office he continued to hold for thirty-three years. The station then comprised Osterville, Cotuit Port and Hamblin's Plains, as well as Marston's Mills. The class at this place, which four years later was named the Marston's Mills class, was led by Joel Hamblin, who for a full half century or until the time of his death was continued as the class leader.

In 1859, thirty years after its erection, the rain was beating in through the windows and leaky roof of the building. The seats were old and uncomfortable and the members were disheartened. But one of its own members, Thomas C. Pratt, was licensed to preach, and appointed pastor of the church, and by his zealous labors the building was remodeled and repaired free from debt.



MRS. A. J. BODGE, Sunday School Superintendent.



MRS. A. G. CROSBY, Epworth League President.

The society erected a tent on Yarmouth Camp-ground in 1863, and the church building was again remodeled in 1888, during Rev. E. B. Gurney's pastorate.

The history of this church is that of a few faithful people struggling to keep a strong and constant religious influence in the community, and although the society has passed through various degrees of prosperity, yet it may be said to its credit, that it has never disbanded nor ceased to hold regular services, but for the space of eighty-four years has been supplied continuously with preaching and most of the time has been under pastoral care. It is at present a student supply appointment.

PASTORS.

1813-14.	Aaron Lummis	1817-18.	Moses Fifield
	Stephen Bailey	1819.	Benjamin Hazleton
1817-18.	Benjamin R. Hoyt	1820.	Isaac Jennison

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	Joseph Brown	1877-79.
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	los Hale	1882.
1833.	Abram Holway and	1883-87.
	Richard Livesey	1888-89.
1834.	William Ramsdell and	1890-91.
	Benjamin Walker	1892-94.
1835.	Joel Steele and D. K.	1895.
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1836.	Joel Steele and Henry	
	H. Smith	1897.
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John W. H. Millar

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—A. J. Bodge, Edmund Hamblin, Warren Hamblin. Clifton Fuller, Oliver Crocker, J. W. R. Sprague and Dr. J. H. Higgins.

Stewards—A. J. Bodge (D. S.), Clifton Fuller, Eunice Fuller, Esther Grigson, Nancy Crocker, Sophia Hamblin, Sarah P. Fuller (R. S.), Persis Coleman, A. G. Crosby, Hattie Mecarta, Christina Hamblin.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Mrs. Andrew J. Bodge; Assistant Superintendent, Clifton Fuller; Secretary, Addie G. Crosby.

Epworth League—President, Mrs. A. G. Crosby; Vice-President, Mrs. Ann Hinckley; Secretary, Amy W. Cammett; Treasurer, Edna Fuller.

M. E. CHURCH, MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

The earliest records of Methodism in Middleboro are dated September 15, 1823, when a number of articles were drawn up and subscribed to. The following composed the membership: Edward Winslow, Deborah Winslow; Martha Thomas, Mercy Barden, Susan



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S. Clark, Hannah Clark, Augusta Clark, Nathan Savery, Alanson Gammons, Nathan Perkins.

The first business meeting after organization was held May 3, 1824. A committee was appointed to make repairs on the Town House to fit it up for holding religious services, permission having been obtained from the selectmen. The expense incurred was \$9.

Rev. Asa Kent was the first pastor, beginning his labors in May, 1824, and serving two years.

October 12, 1830, during the pastorate of Rev. David Culver, it was voted to build a meeting-house. A site was chosen in Fall Brook as being most central for the membership, and the chapel was dedi-

cated early in 1831. Worship was continued here until the death of Rev. Israel Washburn in 1861, when the chapel was closed, and remained so until 1863, when Rev. J. Q. Adams, a local preacher (now a

member of the Conference), came here in the employ of the Star Mills Company. Being an aggressive Methodist, Mr. Adams succeeded in opening the house, and supplied the pulpit at Fall Brook for four months. It was then thought best to open a meeting at the Center. A hall was taken, over the furniture store of Mr. George Soule, and Rev. Aaron Gill, a local preacher, was engaged to supply the desk. In February, 1865, a chapel formerly occupied by the Baptists was leased for three years and fitted up at an expense of \$300. March 9, 1865, this house was opened for worship, Rev. John Howson of East Weymouth preaching in the morning and Rev. Levi Abbott, pastor of



THE MIDDLEBORO PARSONAGE.

the Baptist church in Middleboro, preaching in the evening. After the evening sermon the use of the pews was sold for one year for \$240.

Meanwhile services continued to be held in the Fall Brook chapel a part of nearly every year until the latter part of 1889. After J. Q. Adams the following labored there: Theophilus Brown, Mr. Pierson, Rev. Willard Packard (Baptist preacher). In 1878 Roland Gammons conducted the services, and he was followed by John Hull. A Sunday School was organized with Winslow Pratt Superintendent, having an average attendance of 40. Rev. Ephraim Hunt next had charge, and was followed by H. N. Donnell, Rev. Mr. Osgood and Rev. Charles Pittsley. After a year of intermission the house was again opened for services in 1889 by Rev. T. J. Everett, pastor at the Center, but with the approach of cold weather the services were discontinued and the chapel was closed until it was finally sold in the year 1896.

The corner stone of the present church at the Center was laid August 21, 1868, by Rev. Thomas Ely, Presiding Elder of Sandwich district, \$5,000 having been secured by the pastor, Rev. Freeman Ryder, for the erection of the building. The church was dedicated February 3, 1869, Rev. W. F. Warren, D. D., of Boston, preaching

the dedication sermon. The cost of the church was \$12,500, with a debt of \$7,500.

During the next pastorate, that of Rev. Samuel T. Patterson, all but \$500 of the debt was provided for, and the membership of the church was increased from 36 in full and 4 probationers to 130 in full and 25 probationers. Under the pastorate of Rev. S. J. Carroll, 1872-74, \$500 was secured from the Church Extension Society to pay the balance of the debt on the church. During these three years there was a net increase of 56 members.

The years 1876-79, during the pastorate of Rev. E. T. Towle, were very prosperous. The church was painted, a concrete walk laid, the vestry enlarged, a new organ added, a bell put in the tower and a deficiency in the running expenses made up. An extensive revival brought the membership up from 130 to 280. During the pastorate of



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A. W. Kingsley, 1879-81, the vestry was much improved and two rooms were built on to the rear of the church for the use of the Ladies' Society, class rooms, etc., the expense, \$500 to \$600, being assumed by the Ladies' Aid Society. At this time the membership is reported as 244. A pipe organ was secured during the pastorate of Rev. G. W. Hunt. A Young People's Society is one of the memorials of the work of Rev. T. J. Everett, organized at first as a Christian Endeavor Society September 29, 1889, and in the succeeding pastorate taking a charter as Everett Chapter, No. 8,029, Epworth League. T. J. Everett gave a decided impulse to the work among the young, and a large children's class was the result. In August, 1889, by the death of one of the most devoted members, Mr. Abner L. Westgate, the church came into possession of a handsome parsonage property on the corner of School and Pierce streets.

Quite extensive improvements were made in the church during the administration of Rev. W. F. Davis, 1892-95. The house was reshingled and an addition built in the rear, affording room for the organ, with large chorus choir, back of the pulpit. A beautiful new pipe organ has replaced the old one. The exterior and interior have been thoroughly renovated and beautified, making a most delightful church home and a house of worship which is a credit to the church and town.



HENRY D. SMITH, Sunday School Superintendent.



LOUIS D. CHURBUCK, Epworth League President.

PASTORS.

1824-25. Asa Kent 1829. Elias C. Scott 1826. Isaac Stoddard 1830-31. David Culver (term 1827. Without Pastor not known)
1827-28. Lemuel Tompkins

The records give the following, but no date of their service: Amos Binney, Lemuel Harlow, Thomas Brown, Josiah Lytch, Proctor Marsh, Otis Wilder, George Winchester, Sr., Elijah Willard, Ebenezer Ewings, William Tamplin, Edmund E. Standish, George Macomber, George H. Winchester, Philip Crandon, Asa N. Bodfish, Israel Washburn.

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 Aaron Gill
 1879-81.
 A. W. Kingsley

 1864-66.
 Samuel F. Whidden
 1882-83.
 G. W. Hunt

 1866-67.
 F. C. Newell
 1884-86.
 E. L. Hyde

 1868.
 Freeman Ryder
 1887-88.
 S. McBurney

 1869-71.
 Samuel T. Patterson
 1889-91.
 T. J. Everett

 1872-74.
 Samuel J. Carroll
 1892-95.
 W. F. Davis

Also E. A. Manning, E. D. Hall and theological students as supplies.

1875. Charles Macreading 1896— George A, Grant

1876-79. E. D. Towle

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—James L. Jenney, Sylvanus Mendall, Samuel S. Lovell, Martin O. Rounsville, Nathaniel Warren, Granville L. Thayer, Francis M. Sherman, William M. Haskins, Levi B. Tinkham.

Trustees of Parsonage—Thomas W. Pierce, Sylvanus Mendall, James L. Jenney.

Stewards—Henry D. Smith, R. S.; William M. Haskins, D. S.; Thomas W. Pierce, John P. Arnold, Levi B. Tinkham, Ezra J. Kelley, Marcus M. Thompson, Clifford S. Lovell, Frank N. Woodward, A. Ellis B. Leach, Andrew J. Bisbee, Reuben W. Leonard, Louis Churbuck.

Class Leaders—Francis M. Sherman, Maria S. Haines, Rev. George A. Grant.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Henry D. Smith; Assistant Superintendents, Reuben W. Leonard, Ellice J. Stone; Secretary, Batie A. Smith; Treasurer, Martin O. Rounsville; Librarian, Levi B. Tinkham; Assistant Librarians, Flora Leonard, Ella E. Barden, Etta D. Taylor, Thersa Norton; Organists, E. Maud Francis, Lottie Tinkham.

Teachers—George A. Grant, Louis D. Churbuck, Isa Pittsley, Julia Tinkham, Susie H. Hunt, Etta G. Baker, Linnie W. Pratt, Carrie Bisbee, Emma Haskins, Maria S. Haines, Rose Clark, James L. Jenney, Maria C. Lovell, Louisa Francis, Nellie Stevens, Jennie Vaughn, Frank N. Woodward, Eva L. Grant, Sophia Soule, Eliza Atwood, Minnie D. Walker, Florence Mendall.

Ladies' Aid Society—President, Mrs. Thomas W. Pierce; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Soule.

Willing Workers—(Home Missions)—President, Mrs. Thomas Soule; Secretary, Mallie A. Taylor; Treasurer, Flora Leonard.

King's Daughters—President, Mrs. A. J. Bisbee; Secretary, Mrs. John P. Arnold; Treasurer, Ida Atwood.

Epworth League—President, Louis D. Churbuck; First Vice-President, Susie Hunt; Second Vice-President, Linnie Pratt; Third Vice-President, E. Maud Francis; Fourth Vice-President, Lillie Breach; Secretary, Samson McFarlin; Treasurer, Edward N. Hunt.

M. E. CHURCH, MYRICKS, MASS.

Myricks is a small place situated on the N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad, between New Bedford and Taunton. It is known to the traveling public as a railroad junction where long and sometimes very undesirable delays are often made to connect with trains.

Just out of sight of the depot, almost surrounded by the shades of the primeval forest, stands the little white church, making a pretty



MYRICKS CHURCH.

picture with its green background. This church was built for a Protestant Methodist church, but was reorganized into a Methodist-Episcopal Church in 1871, Rev. Samuel C. Brown being at that time Presiding Elder of the Fall River District.

Rev. J. G. Gammons became the pastor of the new church, which was composed of seventeen members. There has been since that time no remarkable growth or sweeping revivals, yet this church has been steadily enlarging both in numbers and influence.

During the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Washburn, the Ladies' Circle

placed a bell on the church. Some needed repairs were made, and besides these signs of temporal prosperity the church was blessed with a revival in which about twenty were converted.

During the pastorate of Rev. C. T. Hatch quite extensive repairs were made on the church building. The old high gallery was taken down, a place was made for the choir beside the pulpit, a new pulpit suit and communion service were added, thefloors were newly carpeted and the church was painted within and without, all at an expense of \$400.

The society owns a beautiful grove adjoining the church, in which for some years the annual clam-bake has been given.

This church has been quite largely supplied by students from Boston University. During the pastorate of Rev. H. H. Critchlow, a convenient parsonage was built at a cost of \$1400, which will now provide a home for a man with a family. A legacy left some years ago by Hephzibah Taylor formed a nucleus for this new parsonage.

PASTORS.

1871-73.	J. G. Gammons	1884-85.	J. O. Denning
1874.	Solomon P. Snow	1886.	John Livesey
1875-77.	J. B. Washburn	1887-89.	George H. Flynn
1878.	F. D. Sargent	1890-91.	Benjamin J. Chew
1879.	Charles H. Farnsworth	1892.	F. B. White
1880.	Charles Stokes	1893-94.	C. E. DeLaMater
1881-82.	Charles T. Hatch	1895.	H. H. Critchlow
1883.	George Hudson	1896	E. B. Gurney

J. A. Morrison and Benjamin C. Gillis each supplied the church a month in 1887 and 1890 respectively.



REV. E. B. GURNEY.



MRS. E. B. GURNEY.

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—John F. Allen, Ebenezer Macomber, Charles Staples, James Paull, Mrs. Hannah Williams, Mrs. Hannah Cole.

Stewards—John F. Allen, O. M. Farmer, Charles Staples, Fannie Peirce, Mrs. Melissa Farmer, Mrs. Hannah Williams, Mrs. Amy Anthony, Mrs. Mary A. P. Allen, Mrs. Mary Pierce, Mrs. Amy Staples, Mrs. Elizabeth Cushing.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Pastor; Assistant Superintendent, James Paull; Secretary, Albert F. Haskins; Treasurer, Charles O. Farmer.

Epworth League—President, Pastor; First Vice-President, Mrs. Mary A. P. Allen; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Amy Anthony; Third Vice-President, Edith Haskins; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. E. B. Gurney; Secretary, Ada D. Anthony; Treasurer, Mrs. Melissa Farmer.

M. E. CHURCH, NANTUCKET, MASS.

The first Methodist preacher who ever visited this island was Rev. Jesse Lee, who came here on the 6th day of April, 1797, a few weeks



THE NANTUCKET CHURCH.

after the inauguration of John Adams as President of the United States. He remained eighteen days and preached sixteen sermons. In 1798 Rev. Joseph Snelling, a native of Boston, being stationed on Martha's Vineyard, was invited here, and for lack of a room sufficiently large to hold the people, he held meetings in the open air on Mill Hill, where all classes, rich and poor, white and black, assembled to hear the Word. A very large number were converted, and many others awakened, but no society formed. Rev. George Pickering was Presiding Elder, and was requested to send them a preacher, and Rev. William Beauchamp was accordingly sent, and proved a very judicious

appointment. On the 24th of July, 1798, he formed the first society of Methodists on the island of Nantucket, in an upper back room

in Pearl Street. This society consisted of nineteen persons. January I, 1800, the pastor dedicated the first Methodist Episcopal Church of Nantucket, on Fair Street, and at the close of the year reported sixty-five members in the society. The salary of the minister was fixed at \$80 a year, and four families assumed the responsibility of boarding him. In June, 1801, Rev. Joseph Wells was appointed to succeed Rev. Mr. Beauchamp, and in 1803, Rev. Joshua Soule succeeded him.

Here is a break in the history until June 20th, 1812, when Rev.



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Elijah Hedding was appointed pastor. These last two were afterward Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In June, 1820, the New England Conference held its first session in Nantucket, Bishop George presiding, and the preachers then numbered about 100. In 1823 Rev. Isaac Bonney was stationed here, and the congregation having outgrown Fair Street Church the Centre Street Church was built at a cost of \$14,000, and seating 1,000 people, and was dedicated September 20, 1823, by Rev. John Newland Maffit, who served as pastor for the balance of the year, during which time a gracious revival took



REV. O. M. MARTIN.



MRS. O. M. MARTIN.

place which increased the membership 150. In June, 1837, the New England Conference for the second time held its session here, when the number of preachers had increased to 172. Bishop Hedding presided at this session, and Rev. John Lord was stationed here, who having gotten under a cloud was suspended for a year, and Rev. John Thompson Burrill was appointed his successor; but Mr. Lord, feeling pugnacious, drew off some of the best of the membership and organized the Summer Street Baptist Church. At the next session of the Conference he was expelled from the Methodist church, but the effects of his disloyalty are still felt. In 1838 Rev. J. T. Burrill was re-appointed, and in 1839 Rev. Stephen Lovell was the pastor. In 1840 Rev. Ezekiel W. Stickney was appointed pastor, and in 1841 the New England Conference was divided and the Providence Conference formed, and held its session in Nantucket, when Rev. Daniel Fillmore was made pastor, and during the year one of the most extensive revivals of religion occurred that the island has ever witnessed, swelling the membership to 621. Mr. Fillmore was re-appointed in 1842, and in 1843 and 1844 Rev. David Patten, Jr., was the pastor, and was succeeded in 1845 and 1846 by Rev. Daniel Wise. In 1846 the great fire occurred that destroyed \$2,000,000 worth of property, burning all around the Centre Street Church, leaving it a monument of God's goodness to his people. Still, a goodly number of the members of the church lost their all of worldly possessions, leaving the church financially crippled.



MRS. M. F. COFFIN, Sunday School Superintendent.



MARY H. BORDEN, Epworth League President.

PASTORS.

1837.	John Lord	1867.	William H. Jones
1837-38.		1868-70.	William H. Starr
1839.		1871-72.	G. A. Morse
1840.	E. W. Stickney	1873.	B. K. Bosworth
1841-42.	Dan'l Fillmore	1874.	S. E. Evans
1843-44.	David Patten	1875-76.	C. N. Hinckley
1845-46.	Daniel Wise	1877.	C. E. Walker
1847.	E. B. Bradford	1878-79.	Richard Burn
1848.	John Lovejoy	1880.	A. L. Dearing
1849.	William Livesey	1881-82.	Merrick Ransom
1850-51.	J. B. Husted	1883-85.	Frank Bowler
1852-53.	Micah J. Talbot, Jr.	1885.	A. M. Osgood
1854.		1886-87.	George E. Brightman
1855.		1888-89.	S. M. Beale
1856.	E. H. Hatfield	1890.	Angelo Canoll
1857.	S. W. Coggeshall	1891.	J. Ľ. Hill
1858-59.	M. P. Alderman	1891.	R. J. Floody
1860.	James A. Dean	1892.	
1861-62.	Asa N. Bodfish	1893-94.	
1863-64.	W. H. Stetson	1894-95.	
1865-66.		1895	

There was a time when Methodism in Nantucket had more than 600 communicants, but that was in the palmy days of whaling, and Nantucket was considered among the best appointments of the Conference, but the whaling interests collapsed, and it has since made but little progress, and the membership has been reduced to about one-sixth of the former number. The place, however, is fast rising into prominence as a summer resort, and is peculiarly adapted to it, as the Gulf Stream comes up very near, thus making the winters mild and enjoyable, and the summer never lacks a cool, refreshing breeze, thus avoiding both extremes.

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—E. B. Dunham, Asa C. Jones, Walter Coffin, Leon Royal, Albert Chadwick, O. A. B. Tracy, George Brown, Mary F. Coffin, Mary H. Nye.

Stewards—Leon Royal, Albert Chadwick, Walter Coffin, B. R. Burdette, E. B. Dunham, Mary H. Nye, Christine Dunham, Mary F. Coffin, Lydia Brokaw, Ellen Tracy, Lydia Beebe, Lydia Allen, Emeline Coffin.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Mary F. Coffin; Assistant, O. M. Martin; Secretary, Lizzie Chase; Treasurer, Lizzie Pinkham; Librarian, Mabel Winslow.

Teachers—O. M. Martin, Mrs. O. M. Martin, Mary H. Nye, Florence Swain, Sarah L. Swain, Emeline Coffin, Carrie Brown, Eunice Robinson, Jennie Robinson, Ella Norcross, Carrie Norcross.

Epworth League—President, Mary Borden; First Vice-President, Susie Austin; Second Vice-President, Mrs. O. M. Martin; Third Vice-President, Anna Marden; Fourth Vice-President, Sarah L Swain; Secretary, Walter Coffin; Treasurer, O. Clinton Hussey.

THE METHODIST SOCIAL UNION OF NEW BEDFORD AND VICINITY.

By Fred L. Thompson.

On the 6th day of January, 1890, there were assembled at the Y. M. C. A. rooms in New Bedford, a committee consisting of the pastor and two lay delegates from each of the Methodist Episcopal churches located in New Bedford, Fairhaven and Acushnet, to consider the advisability of organizing a social society, having as its object the promotion of sociability and fraternity among the members of the various churches. They accordingly organized the Methodist Social Union of New Bedford and Vicinity. After adopting a constitution and by-laws, R. F. Raymond, Esq., was elected president.



F. L. THOMPSON.

The first public meeting was held on Monday evening, February 3, 1890, at the County Street Church, as this was the mother church of Methodism in this city. There were 101 charter members enrolled at this meeting.

The first lecture was delivered March 17, 1890, by Rev. B. P. Raymond, president of Wesleyan University; subject: "Education." The next was by Dr. Charles Parkhurst of Boston on "The Race Problem in the South." R. F. Raymond was reelected president for the year 1890-91. On Nov. 15, Bishop Wm. Taylor of Africa addressed the Union on his work in "The Dark Continent."

During the year lectures were delivered by Rev. C. H. Mann, Prof. O. A. Curtis, D. D., Prof. S. F. Upham, D. D., who spoke on "John Wesley, the Founder of Methodism," at the centennial occasion of his death, and Prof. C. T. Winchester.

R. F. Raymond, Esq., was re-elected president for the year 1891'92. On October 7 Dr. Brodbeck opened a course of revival services
by a sermon in County Street Church. Lectures during the year were
by Prof. Daniel Dorchester, Jr., of Boston, subject: "An Evening
With the Poets." Dr. J. M. King, subject: "The School Question."
Dr. George E. Strobridge of New York, subject: "The Value of a
Great Man"; and Prof. C. T. Winchester, subject: "An Old Castle."

R. F. Raymond, Esq., was again re-elected president for the year 1892-93. The only lecture recorded for the year was delivered by

James Clement Ambrose of Evanston, Ill., subject: "The Sham Family."

Mr. George M. Eddy was elected president for the year 1893-94. Lectures during the year were as follows: Rev. W. H. Milburn, D. D., subject: "Aaron Burr"; Rev. William V. Kelley, D. D., on "Robert Browning"; Prof. Daniel Dorchester, Jr., of Boston University, lectured on "Some Old Stories"; Rev. George L. Taylor of Georgetown, Conn., subject "Woodpeckers: Critics and Criticisms." Mrs. Margaret Bottome, President of the King's Daughters, spoke upon "What I owe to Methodism," and Rev. C. C. McCabe, D. D., delivered his popular lecture on "The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison."



R. F. RAYMOND. Ex-President Social Union.

At the annual meeting and banquet held May 21, the late Leonard B. Ellis delivered an historical address on the "Beginning of Methodism in New Bedford."

Lewis C. Small was elected president for the year 1894-95 at this meeting. The lectures for the year were as follows: Rev. William Burt, D. D.. subject: "Modern Italy." Bishop John H. Vincent gave suggestions as to the proper training of the American youth in his "Tom and His Teachers". Rev. R. E. Schuh, Ph. D., spoke on "Modern Socialism. On January 17, 1895, the union celebrated the centenary of

the first Methodist sermon preached in New Bedford by Rev. Jesse Lee. Services were held the entire day, consisting of a sermon by Bishop E. G. Andrews, D. D., LL. D., in the morning. Short addresses in the afternoon, and the late Leonard B. Ellis read in the evening his historical paper, "The Beginning of Methodism in New Bedford." This completed the exercises of the celebration. Rev. A. B. Kendig, D. D., spoke on "Methodism Historically Interpreted." Rev. E. M. Taylor, D. D., gave a patriotic address on "Washington as a Nation Builder," and Rev. W. W. Ramsay, D. D., spoke on "Sky Wonders," which completed the lecture course for the year.

Lot B. Bates was elected president for the year 1895-96. The course for the year was as follows: Readings by Prof. Hibbard of Wesleyan University; Rev. J. R. Day, D. D., Syracuse University; subject: "A Mile a Minute"; Rev. J. D. Pickles, D. D., of Boston, subject: "Palestine and Egypt"; Rev. A. J. Palmer, D. D., of New York, de-

livered his thrilling lecture, "Co. D, The Die-No-Mores"; Rev. J. E. Price, D. D., of New York, subject: "Noiseless Forces," and Rev. F. D. Blakeslee, D. D., principal of East Greenwich academy, delivered a beautifully illustrated lecture, subject: "Venice to Naples."

Savory C. Hathaway was elected president for the year 1896-97. Lectures for the year as follows: Rev. C. M. Melden of Brockton, subject: "A Glimpse of Holland"; William I. Haven of Brookline, gave a very instructive talk on "The Mastery of the Mind"; Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D., LL. D., of New York, subject: "Washington and Lincoln Compared and Contrasted"; Rev. W. T. Perrin of Boston, subject: "Visions," and Rev. M. D. Buell of Boston, on "Skill."

At the annual meeting and banquet the following officers were elected for the year 1897-98:

President—Frederic L. Thompson.

First Vice-President-Marshall F. Lewis.

Second Vice-President-Mrs. H. K. Nye.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. G. Winslow.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. H. H. Critchlow.

Treasurer—David S. Small.

While only the more prominent facts and events in the history of the union have been recorded here, enough perhaps has been given to demonstrate that the Methodist Social Union has had a creditable existence, and that it has exerted an uplifting influence in this community.

ALLEN STREET M. E. CHURCH, NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

The Allen Street Church edifice was built in 1842 by Christian Baptists, and for several years was occupied by that denomination. In 1851 it was purchased by members of the Fourth Street Church.



ALLEN STREET CHURCH.

members and 114 probationers.

Rev. Moses Chase, then pastor of that church, was mainly instrumental in bringing this about. Twentythree members went out from Fourth Street Church and formed this church. The first pastor was Rev. Andrew McKeown, under whose labors the new enterprise was greatly strengthened. As the result of a four weeks' protracted meeting, 34 souls were added, and at the close of a two years' pastorate 149 members were reported. The good work went on under succeeding pastors. The great revival during the period of Dr. Chapman's labors, in 1857 (that year of revivals), is probably the most marked. Finding a membership of 137, he reported at the close of his second year A considerable per cent. of the latter

were evidently received in full by the next pastors; for the following spring 268 members were reported, and the spring following that 272, a number which has never been equalled till the report of the last Conference (1897), when, at the close of the pastorate of Rev. C. S. Davis, the membership numbered 280, besides 20 probationers. It may here be said that numerically the membership has varied from about 150 to 200 during almost the entire history, seldom rising above



ALLEN STREET PARSONAGE.

the latter, or falling below the former.

Faithful men in the ministry and laity labored in those early days.

In heaven alone is their complete record. A quotation from a writer of about thirty years since may express the transformation wrought in this neighborhood: "In the vicinity of this church, and completely surrounding it, were many dens of vice and infamy. * * * Purity has taken the place of depravity in its most hideous and revolting manifestations, and the hymns of Zion are heard and sung on the very spot where the ribald jest and licentious song were wont to be heard and sung."

In the spring of 1885 the Pleasant Street and Allen Street churches



REV. J. N. PATTERSON.



MRS. J. N. PATTERSON.

were united under one Quarterly Conference, with Rev. A. E. Drew as pastor. This arrangement had become necessary on account of the almost prostrate condition into which the Allen Street Church had fallen, owing to a series of unfortunate circumstances. Besides being burdened with debt, the church had dwindled to a membership of 126, although two years before it had reported 185. This was due in part, however, to a conscientious revision of the records by the Rev. J. B. Hingeley, by which the books were disburdened of persons who no longer had an interest here, or who had removed. Great credit is due to Brother Drew for the very timely and efficient aid which he now rendered to this disheartened people. At the end of a year he left them clear of debt, and in possession of the greater part of the money with which the present parsonage was built. It was, however, during the pastorate of Rev. Edward Williams that the actual building was done. The union with Pleasant Street Church having served its purpose, terminated at the end of one year, and with the pastorate of Brother Williams the church entered a period of prosperity which bas continued till the present. Of the splendid success of the three pastorates of Revs. E. Williams, J. I. Bartholomew and C. S. Davis, covering a period of eleven years, a sufficient proof may be found in the fact that the church has, numerically, more than doubled in that time.

Among the ministers who have served this church, some few have since become distinguished. Notably, Dr. J. A. M. Chapman, whose thrilling pulpit oratory, even while here, is yet remembered. Also Rev. C. S. Nutter, author of "Hymn Studies," and Dr. B. P. Raymond, now president of Wesleyan University. But the entire following list bears a high average, both in weight of Christian character and in general usefulness.

PASTORS.

1852-53. A. McKeown 1854-55. J. B. Gould



H. T. BORDEN. Recording Steward.

1856-57. J. A. M. Chapman Henry Baylies 1858. John Howson P. T. Kinney 1859. 1860-61. John Livesey 1862-63. Wm. Kellen 1864-65. 1866-67. F. J. Wagner E. A. Lyon 1868. Thomas Ely 1869. 1869-70. F. Ryder J. M. Durrell V. W. Mattoon 1871-72. 1873. 1874-76. B. P. Raymond 1877. J. H. Humphrey C. S. Nutter G. W. Wright 1878-80. 1881-82. J. B. Hingeley 1883-84. 1885. A. E. Drew E. Williams 1886-88. J. I. Bartholomew 1889-02. C. S. Davis 1893-96. J. N. Patterson 1897---

A long list of honorable and faithful men and women of the laity have labored here, not the least important of whom have been the Sunday School superintendents and workers in the large and flourishing school, which has always been a part of this field. The following is a full list of Sunday School superintendents from 1851 till 1897: William R. Pittman, Henry H. Tillson, F. A. Chase, J. C. Brock, George B. Wilber, S. H. Briggs, Ira Y. Allen, W. D. Wilkinson, O. S. Simpson, T. I. Lewis, Lewis Pendleberry, R. F. Raymond, G. H. Briggs, E. P. Carter.

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Stewards—C. A. Tuell, Mrs. E. M. Tuell, G. H. Briggs, Mrs. Annie M. Briggs, H. T. Borden (R. S. and D. S.), Edward Winterbottom, Amos Gee, Mrs. L. A. Macreading, F. L. Thompson, B. F. Crocker, Charles Jenney, H. F. Hoxie.



E. P. CARTER. Sunday School Superintendent.



GEORGE H. BRIGGS. Epworth League President.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—SENIOR GRADE.

Officers—Superintendent, Mr. E. P. Carter; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Robert L. Cook; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Amos Gee; Librarian, Mr. Rossa Moriarity; Pianist, Miss H. Ashley.

Teachers—H. F. Hoxie, J. N. Patterson, Mrs. Mary Tripp, Miss Bessie Grieves, George H. Briggs, Miss E. Kasmire, B. F. Crocker, Miss A. Bowie, Miss Bertha Hathaway, Mrs. E. F. Hoxie, Miss Jessie Grieves, Miss Lizzie Frost, Miss Hattie Frost, David Burgess, Miss Hattie Ashley, Miss Edith Frank, Mrs. George H. Briggs, Miss Grace Sherman.

PRIMARY GRADE.

Officers—Superintendent, Mrs. E. M. Tuell; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. E. C. Schofield.

Teachers—Mr. O. S. Simpson, Mr. Edgar Wright, Mrs. Edgar Wright, Mrs. Amos Gee, Mrs. H. C. Bolles, Mrs. Nannie C. Cook, Miss Ada Smith, Miss Emma Winterbottom, Miss Carrie Rose.

Epworth League—President, George H. Briggs; First Vice-President, H. F. Hoxie; Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. F. Hoxie; Third Vice-President, Calvin Ashley; Fourth Vice-President, Edith Frank; Treasurer, Arthur Smith; Secretary, Bertha C. Hathaway.

SEAMEN'S BETHEL AND HOME, NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

The first meeting to take into consideration the expediency of forming a society to promote the interests of seamen was held May 17, 1830. In May, 1831, a house and lot on Bethel Street were purchased. At the first annual meeting, held June 7, 1831, it was resolved that the



SEAMEN'S BETHEL AND HOME.

form of worship should be perfectly unsectarian, and that all denominations should have the privilege of supplying the pulpit. Services were first conducted in the old Town House every Sunday morning, each of the clergymen in the place officiating in turn. The first meeting was held Sunday, July 31, The first chap-1831. lain was the Rev. Enoch Mudge, who commenced his labors April 27, 1832. The soci-

ety was incorporated by act of the General Court May 4th, 1832.

The Ladies' Branch was formed June 12, 1833. Rev. Mr. Mudge resigned in July, 1844. His successor was the Rev. Moses How. He was connected with the society for fifteen years. Rev. James D. Butler was the next chaplain. He entered upon his duties April 15, 1859.

He was born in New Bedford, October 21, 1809; was himself a mariner. In 1839 he became a member of the N. E. M. E. Conference. He served until 1863. Rev. Samuel Fox from 1863 to 1869. Rev. B. S. Batchelor, 1869 to 1870. Rev. James D. Butler returned in 1870 and served until his death, Januuary 3, 1889. Rev. Edward Williams of the N. E. S. Conference was appointed his successor in 1889, at the close of his pastorate at Allen Street Church, New Bedford, and has served continuously to the present time.

The duties of a chaplain embrace not only the conducting of religious worship in the chapel, but carry him down on the wharves,



REV. EDWARD WILLIAMS.

among the seamen, and into their daily lives, where he must be ever watchful for a chance to bring some neglected sailor under the care and protection of the Bethel and its moral influences. During the greater part of this time the Bethel has been supplied by Methodist Ministers.

CANNONVILLE M. E. CHURCH, NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

For a number of years a Sunday School organization of greater or less strength has existed in the Cannonville Chapel. The vicissitudes of fortune through which this organization has passed are too numerous and tedious to mention. Therefore, we shall not trace its history from a more distant point than the advent of Brother Charles H. Brownell as superintendent in 1887. From that time on, progress has been the watchword. Only once in the last ten years have the prospects darkened, when, in 1891, Mr. Brownell was compelled to



THE CANNONVILLE CHURCH.



REV. C. H. TAYLOR.

resign on account of sickness. God kindly provided for the needs of that hour by raising up for them a worthy superintendent, Mr. George S. Fox. Through his efforts, in 1895, the people of Cannonville and Rockdale united in calling a minister. Rev. C. H. Judkins of Boston University was secured. He remained only until April, but in his short stay started a good work. The Conference of 1896 sent Brother Jerome Greer to this charge. During his year's ministration much was done to put the work on a more solid foundation. The Conference of 1897 sent to this charge Rev. C. Howard Taylor, the present pastor. No church organization has yet been effected, but the present prosperity indicates that such organization is near at hand.

COUNTY STREET M. E. CHURCH, NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

(This sketch is largely a condensation of a paper read by the late Leonard B. Ellis at the celebration of the centennial of New Bedford Methodism, February 5, 1895.)



COUNTY STREET CHURCH.

The first Methodist sermon in New Bedford was preached by Jesse Lee, January 30, 1795, in George East's tavern, still standing on the northeast corner of Acushnet Avenue and Mill Street. For ten years after, Methodist services were occasionally held in school houses and dwellings. Among the preachers were Joshua Hill, Joseph Snelling and Daniel Webb. After the founding of the society at Head-of-the-River, in 1807, now known as the Acushnet Church, preaching services and class meetings were held under its direction in Fairhaven and New Bedford, in the latter place in the homes of Phebe Stowell, Susannah

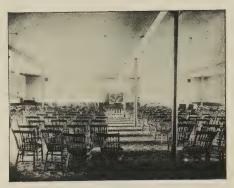
Maxfield and Captain John Hawes. In April, 1817, a class was regularly organized to meet at Susannah Maxfield's. It consisted of the following sixteen members: John Hawes, leader; Mary Hawes, Joseph Stowell, Phebe Stowell, Susannah Maxfield, Phineas Kinney, Achsah Kinney, Mehitable Bennett, James Blur, Thurston Chapman, Esther

Chapman, Zaccheus Chapman, Amy Perkins, Benjamin Keith, Sarah Adams and Timothy I. Dyer.

In 1819, a hall was rented in the second story of a building on the corner of Second and Mill Streets, and Benjamin L. Sayer preached without compensation till Conference, when Rev. Jesse Fillmore was appointed first pastor. When because of the coming of the Presiding



AUDITORIUM VIEW.



VESTRY VIEW.

Elder, or for other reasons, the hall was not large enough, the Middle Street Christian Church was freely placed at the service of the infant society. The following were present at the first Quarterly Conference, November 23, 1820: Rev. George Pickering, Presiding Elder; Rev. Jesse Fillmore, pastor; Zaccheus Cushman, Timothy I. Dyer, Phineas Kinney and

Jonathan Tuttle. The last-named was superintendent of the Sunday School, organized in 1841.

In June, 1821, on the northwest corner of Elm Street and Acushnet Avenue, the first church was erected, 45x50 feet, at a cost of \$1,200. In the attic was an "upper room" for prayer and class meetings, where Pentecostal blessings were often received. This structure was enlarged and a chapel added in 1840. A serious contention was settled in favor of pew doors, and another by a compromise providing that half of the pews should be free and half rented. The pastor opposed free seats. Rev. Solomon Sias took charge in 1822 and calmed the factions. John Newland Maffitt held revival meetings during this pastorate. pline was rigidly maintained in the early Methodist fashion. sisters were Quaker bonnets and did not don black for mourning. There was a committee to advise members on business matters, and some were suspended for non-attendance at class meeting. Special services were held in outlying villages. The first annual report, in 1821, showed expenses of \$222.68, with five cents in the treasury. A singing school was started in 1830, and a bass viol introduced in 1837. Colored people, twenty-four of whom at one time were members, sat in the northeast gallery and partook of the Lord's Supper last, by themselves. Because of this distinction, Frederick Douglass, soon after arriving in New Bedford, abandoned his determination to join Elm Street Church. The colored people had Timothy Dyer for class leader, who also taught them to read and write. In 1835 an anti-slavery lecture was given in the church. In 1840 anti-slavery prayer meetings were held. Such were the beginnings of New Bedford Methodism in the Elm Street Church, from which were colonized Fourth Street in 1831, and Pleasant Street in 1843.

In 1858 the Elm Street Society laid the corner-stone of the present imposing edifice on the corner of County and Elm Streets, now known

as the County Street Church, which was dedicated May 5, 1859. This is of brick, of handsome design, 65x100 feet, and cost nearly \$50,000, at a time when labor and materials were very low. A considerable portion of the funds was advanced by a Building Association formed for the purpose by the following official members of the church: Benjamin Pitman, Edmund Anthony, George G. Gifford, Ambrose Vincent, William Hammond, Caleb L. Ellis, George W. Howland, Benjamin C. Ward, Thomas West, Perez Jenkins, Alanson Gammons and Shipley W. Bumpus, some of whom made great sacrifices to forward the enterprise. Rev. Mark Trafton, D. D., was the pastor when the society



REV. J. F. COOPER.



MRS. J. F. COOPER.

removed to its new home, and it at once took a commanding position in the social and religious life of the city. By the arduous labors of Rev. D. P. Leavitt, pastor in 1868-71, and further sacrifices on the part of the people, all remaining indebtedness was cleared off and the property formally transferred to the trustees. There is also a parsonage fund, the gift of the late George W. Howland.

The location has proved excellent, and with the present growth of the city, the church is making notable gains in membership. Death has removed many of its venerable figures, but the society is assuming more of a popular character, while some of the leading business and professional men of the city are counted among its members and attendants. Its usefulness seems assured, with the favor of God, for many years. Its organization for charitable and social work is excellent. Its list of pastors includes Upham, Wise, Trafton, McChesney, Kimball, Townsend, Crafts, Canoll, Benton and other notable names.

Rev. C. W. Holden, after a successful five years' pastorate with

this church, married one of its most popular young women, Miss Elizabeth Eddy, daughter of Hon. George M. Eddy.

PASTORS.

1820-21.	Jesse Fillmore
1822-23.	Solomon Sias
1824.	Ephraim Kirby
1825.	Frederick Upham
1826-27.	Jacob Sanborn



REV. A. WOODARD. Local Preacher.

1828.	Asa Kent
1829-30.	Timothy Merritt
1831-32.	Daniel Webb
1833.	Daniel Fillmore
1834-35.	Thomas C. Pierce

1836-37.	Shipley W. Wilson
1838-39.	Isaac Bonney
1840-41.	Joel Knight
1842-43.	John Lovejoy
1844.	Azariah B. Wheeler
1845-46	David Patten, Jr.
1847-48.	James D. Butler
1849-50.	Robert M. Hatfield
1851-52.	Daniel Wise
1853.	E. T. Fletcher
1854-55.	William T. Harlow
1856.	John Cooper
1857-58.	Henry S. White
1859-60.	Mark Trafton
1861-62.	William S. Studley
1863-64.	Mark Trafton
1865-67.	R. W. Humphriss
1868-70.	Dudley P. Leavitt
1871-73.	Ensign McChesney
1874.	Luther T. Townsend
1875-76.	Wilbur F. Crafts
1877-78.	William F. Whitcher
1879-80.	Watson L. Phillips
1881.	Edward D. Towle
1882-84.	. Henry D. Kimball
1885-87.	S. Olin Benton
1888-89.	Angelo Canoll
1890-94.	C. W. Holden
1895	J. F. Cooper

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geshall; Librarian, Edwin Chopson; Assistants, C. F. Corson, G. W. Merrow, J. E. Balloch, Bessie P. Peirce, Mary B. Hathaway, Annie R. Forrest.

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FOURTH STREET CHURCH, NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

This was the first Methodist Society to be formed of members who withdrew from the old Elm Street Church, the original home of Methodism in this city. In 1831 a chapel was erected for the accommodation of the Fourth Street people, which was formally dedicated February 4, 1832. During the years 1831 and '32 Rev. Asa Kent served this



FOURTH STREET CHURCH.

new charge as pastor. At the Conference of 1832 Revs. A. D. Sargent and Daniel Webb were appointed to serve conjointly both Elm Street and Fourth Street charges.

The separation which took place in 1843 was effected by mutual consent, and Fourth Street became thenceforward a distinct church, under the pastoral care of Rev. A. U. Swinerton, who remained with it two years. Although the church contracted a debt of \$6,000 during Mr. Swinerton's pastorate, its spiritual life had been most successful, and when

he left 76 new names had been added to the membership. A remarkable pastorate was that of Rev. Moses Chace, which began in 1850. In November, 1851, he, with six others, purchased what is now the Allen Street M. E. Church, and a new society with members of the Fourth Street Church, was formed. This was considered an

unwise step by some, as the gradual exodus of members who lived nearer the Allen Street Church, reduced the membership of the Fourth Street Church very materially, so that in 1852 Fourth Street had only



REV. W. E. KUGLER.



MRS. W. E. KUGLER.

191 members and 18 probationers, and in 1856, the membership was still further reduced to 176 and 7 probationers. During the pastorate of Rev. S. F. Upham in 1860, however, the membership again in-



JESSE LAW. Sunday School Superintendent.



A. H. BURT. Epworth League President.

creased, and through his labors the church was enlarged and remodeled to its present proportions, at a cost of \$6,300.

This practically new structure was opened and re-dedicated in

February, 1861, the Rev. L. D. Barrows delivering the dedicatory discourse. Another important epoch in the history of Fourth Street Church occurred in 1866, the centennial anniversary of Methodism in



L. B. BATES.
President Board of Trustees.

America. This centennial year was observed and commemorated by the Fourth Street people by an offering of \$2,400 to free their church from debt, incurred when the improvements were made. Again, in 1881, during the ministry of Rev. A. Mc-Cord, an additional \$2,300 were raised, and the church property was thoroughly repaired and repainted. But little of special or general interest has occurred in connection with the subsequent history of this church. Like most other churches, she has had her ups and downs. But at the date of this publication she is up, and continues to do a blessed work in this

city. The people of this church are very loyal, and it yet possesses many faithful workers. Special mention ought to be made of the noble self-sacrificing band of women who have ever been an important influence in the life and work of this society.

Special mention ought also to be made of Rev. B. F. Simon's pastorate. He came to this church under most discouraging circumstances; but through his influence the people were rallied and inspired, and after five years' pastorate—the longest in its history—he left the church much stronger and more prosperous than he found it.

PASTORS.

Asa Kent	1846.	Paul Townsend
A. D. Sargent	1847-48.	Daniel Fillmore
Daniel Webb	1849.	W. A. Richards
A. U. Swinerton	1850-51.	Moses Chase
Sanford Benton	1852.	Richard Livesey
Phineas Crandall	1853-54.	James Mather
Warren Emerson	1855-56.	George M. Carpenter
Daniel Webb	1857.	Henry Baylies
W. S. Campbell	1858-59.	J. T. Benton
George F. Pool	1860-61.	S. F. Upham
A. U. Swinerton	1862.	N. Bemis
Isaac House	1863-64.	E. H. Hatfield
Daniel Webb (supplied)	1865.	Joseph Marsh (supplied)
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1866.	Wm. H. Jones	1878-81.	Asa N. Bodfish
1867-68.	E. S. Stanley	1881-84.	A. McCord
1869-70.	Samuel A. Winsor	1884-86.	H. B. Cady
1871-72.	Frederic Upham	1887-89.	A. P. Palmer
1873.	Charles Ryder	1890-91.	W. H. Allen
1873-75.	Charles Morgan	1892-96.	B. F. Simon
1875-77.	R. W. C. Farnsworth	1897	W. E. Kugler

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Trustees—Lot B. Bates, Horace Tilden, C. H. Gifford, George A. Poole, G. G. Stiles.

Stewards—Lot B. Bates (R. S.), James H. Russell (D. S.), C. H. Gifford, Jesse Law, A. W. Bosworth, Arthur H. Chase, Arthur Patterson, Mrs. Lydia Tilden, Mrs. C. G. Winslow, Mrs. Mary G. Brightman, Mrs. Jane L. Poole, Horace Tilden.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Jesse Law.

Epworth League—President, A. H. Burt; First Vice-President, Miss Annie L. Hinckley; Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. Gifford; Third Vice-President, Miss Caroline N. Tilden; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Emily B. Johnson; Secretary, Miss Agnes B. Nixon; Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Church.

PLEASANT STREET M.E. CHURCH, NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

In the year 1844 the Methodists in the northern part of the city thought there ought to be a church in their section. Accordingly a detachment of members from the old Elm Street Church organized



PLEASANT STREET CHURCH.



PLEASANT STREET CHURCH.
(As it appears to-day.)

Pleasant Street Church. Rev. John Livesey was the first pastor. During his pastorate the church grew and prospered greatly.

Samuel C. Brown, the third pastor, remained but three months on account of ill health.

During the pastorate of Rev. Jonathan Cady (1849-'50) the present church was built. It was dedicated in July, 1849. The sermon of the occasion was preached by Rev. C. K. True of Boston.

The pastorate of E. B. Bradford (1855) was a great revival year. Many were added to the church.

The great religious awakening of 1857 took place during the pastorate of Rev. John Howson, and many were added to the church.

Next followed the happy pastorate of the "sunny-tempered and sweet-spirited" Charles Nason (1858).

Rev. William McDonald followed. His pastorate was also a very successful one.

In 1866 Rev. L. B. Bates (now of the New England Conference) was one of the most successful pastors in the history of the church.

On watch night, 1866, divine services were begun which were continued for 105 nights, resulting in 500 conversions—several of whom joined other churches; but 415 joined Pleasant Street Church. This



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blessed revival lifted this church to first rank in the Conference. The Sunday school numbered 1,000 at that time, and seven nationalities



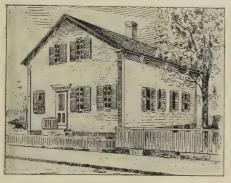
B. FRANK PENNEY. Sunday School Superintendent.



ROBERT WATERSON. Epworth League President.

were represented. \$9,000 was also raised and spent on repairs during this pastorate.

Rev. Joel E. Hawkins followed Mr. Bates. He found a great church under his care. His pastorate proved a successful one in continuing the work begun by his predecessor. He made 3,000 calls



PLEASANT STREET PARSONAGE.

during the three years. Conversions continued all through his pastorate.

Rev. W. T. Worth was pastor in 1872. This, too, was a highly successful one. The able pastorate of A. E. Drew (1883-85) was blessed many ways. In 1888 Rev. M. S. Kaufman became pastor. With his usual enthusiasm and faithful work this church took on new life and hope.

Large revivals blessed each of his three years' labors. An old mort-gage that had hung over the church ever since it had been erected, and on which the church had paid \$14,000 interest, was raised, and burned in the presence of a great congregation. It was a glorious hour for this church.

The pastorates of Dr. A. Cameron, Dr. C. E. Harris, as well as that of the present pastor, Rev. Eben Tirrell, have been marked by able sermons. In pulpit ability no church in New Bedford has excelled, if equalled it, during the past ten years.

Pleasant Street has long been famous as a working church. Many able and faithful laymen have labored here, and her prospect for the future is radiant with hope.

PASTORS.

1844-45.	John Livesey	1864-65.	N. P. Philbrook
1846.	Samuel Beedle	1866-68,	L. B. Bates
1847.	S. C. Brown	1869-71.	Joel E. Hawkins
1847-48.	Charles H. Titus	1872-73.	W. T. Worth
1849-50.	Jonathan Cady	1875-77.	T. R. Greene
1851.	Robert Hobart	1878-80.	J. W. Malcolm
1852-53.	Horace C. Atwater	1881-82.	Edgar F. Clark
1854.	Frederick Upham	1883-85.	A. E. Drew
1855.	E. B. Bradford	1886-87.	Henry D. Robinson
1856-58.	John Howson	1888-90.	M. S. Kaufman
1859-60.	Charles Nason	1891-93.	A. Cameron
1861-62.	William McDonald	1894-95.	C. E. Harris
1863.	William Farrington	1896	Eben Tirrell

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Stephen Shepherd, David Small.

Stewards—George W. Paine, Samuel S. Perry, B. Frank Penney, Frederick Mickell, Weston C. Vaughan, Jr., Clara L. Tompkins, William Hindle, Clara J. Stratton, Lewis Small, Arthur D. Swift, Paul Howland, Eben Hirst, John Allen.

Class Leaders—Samuel Paine, William Walker, Stephen Shepherd, David Small, George Paine, Robert Waterson, Alma Paine, Joseph

Jennison, Edwin Jones.

Sunday School—Superintendent, B. Frank Penney; Assistant Superintendent, Eben Hirst; Treasurer, Henry W. Swift; Secretary, Anna E. Jennison; Assistant Secretary, Helen W. Hawes; Librarian, J. B.

Tompkins, Jr.

Teachers—Edwin Jones, George W. Paine, Mrs. Sarah Paine, Mrs. Annie Deane, Mrs. Mary Lilly, William Walker, David S. Small, Myra Jennison, Clara Tompkins, William Hall, Grace Bailey, Frederick A. Mickell, Mrs. Isabel McFarlin, Mrs. Augustus Buchell, William Hawes, George C. Huddy, Eben Hirst, Stephen H. Shepherd, Sylvia Hillman, Julia Smith, Mrs. Florence Ellis, Mellie Harding, Robert Waterson, Mrs. Esther Walker, Charles E. Vaughan, Mrs. Charles E. Vaughan, Lillie Jones, Ella T. Bassett, Lizzie E. Omey, Mrs. S. S. Paine, Paul Howland, Jr., Frank Wilcox, John Allen, Carrie Ryder, Clara Stratton.

Epworth League, Chap. No. 651—President, Robert Waterson; First Vice-President, William Hall, Jr.; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Robert Waterson; Third Vice-President, John Allen; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. J. O. Coffin; Secretary, Lena Donneaud; Treasurer, Charles E. Vaughan.

FIRST PORTUGUESE M. E. CHURCH, NEW BEDFORD.

This Portuguese Mission is the First Portuguese M. E. Church in America. For several years a few converted Portuguese, some of whom were members of the Allen Street Methodist Episcopal Church, had been thinking of, and praying for, the establishment of mission work among their countrymen in this city. Their earnest Christian zeal awakened in others an interest in their people. In the summer of 1889 Rev. Walter Ela, Presiding Elder, and Rev. J. I. Bartholomew, pastor of Allen Street Church, in consultation concerning the needs of this people, of whom there were about five thousand in the



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city, were convinced that mission work should be commenced among them as soon as a man could be found to carry it on, and funds could be provided to support it.

Mr. Bartholomew was requested to make inquiries among the Portuguese for a suitable man to commence the work, and in conversation with Victor Sequeira, one of those most interested in this enterprise, he learned that he, Sequeira, was in correspondence with some Protestant Portuguese in Jacksonville, Ill. Through this correspondence he learned of a young man, Joseph I. Almeida, who was doing evangelistic work there, whose services it was thought could be obtained. Shortly after this, the matter of a Portuguese mission was brought before the Methodist Social Union of New Bedford and vicinity, and Mr. Sequeira made a statement to the Union of the numbers and religious condition of his countrymen in the city. This awakened so much interest that arrangements were made at once for soliciting contributions, and the responses were so generous that the Presiding

Elder felt warranted in undertaking the work, the more so as it had the approval of Presiding Bishop Ninde at the Conference, and of Dr. Leonard, one of the Missionary secretaries. Accordingly Mr. Almeida was engaged. He arrived in New Bedford, May 16, 1890, and held his first meeting in the home of Mrs. Fernandes, No. 2 Babbitt Street, Sunday, May 18. Cottage meetings were held till June 15, when a store, No. 475 South Water Street, having been rented and fitted up for this purpose, meetings were opened there. At first large crowds gathered about the door and the room was well filled, some with real interest in the meetings, some from curiosity, and some for the purpose of disturbing the meetings. On several occasions stones were thrown at the building, and considerable disturbance was created, but notwithstanding this, the Spirit of the Lord reached the hearts of some of the people, and within a few weeks several of them were converted, and the work continued to prosper. On November 9th, six Portuguese were received on probation in the Allen Street M. E. Church. On June 1, 1891, the mission was transferred from Water Street to a store room, No. 84 Potomska Street, which was thought to be a more desirable location. On June 21, 1891, the mission was organized as a church by the Presiding Elder, Rev. Walter Ela, with eleven members and eight probationers, these all coming by letter from Allen Street Church, five of them having been received into full membership that morning, and nine having been baptized by Mr. Bartholomew. In the afternoon, after a sermon by the Presiding Elder, the letters as above mentioned, were read, and the persons were recognized as a church. Mr. Almeida having been previously licensed as a local preacher by Allen Street Quarterly Conference, was appointed preacher in charge. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered, Mr. Bartholomew assisting. The Presiding Elder then, in the presence of the church, organized the Quarterly The church took the name of "First Portuguese Conference. Methodist Episcopal Church."

The General Missionary Committee, at its meeting in Boston, in November, 1890, adopted the mission, and made an appropriation for its support.

When Mr. Almeida left on May 31, 1892, after seven months, Mr. George B. Nind, who had been in Brazil for nine years, came to take the work. Mr. Nind is an American, and did not speak the Portuguese language quite so well as one of their own countrymen; however, the work moved along slowly, with occasional additions, steadily gaining in the confidence and respect of the city. Mr. Nind left in April, 1896, when A. Ribeiro was appointed pastor. Mr. Ribeiro was at that time studying in East Greenwich Academy, learn-

ing the English language. He has endeavored to push the work in various ways, especially by having additional meetings on Sunday, and children's classes, etc. The meetings are well attended, and the people seem to enjoy them.

The year 1896 was a trying time for this church, but it only drove the faithful few to their knees, and as a result, at Christmas time a great revival broke out, and in a short time sixty were added to the church, many of them young men.

May God touch the hearts of the American Christians to help build a proper house for God's worship. That is the one thing needed at present. The people among whom we work were brought up in a country where they have proper places to worship, and think a great deal of the place. They will attend the religious services better when a new church building has been erected. May it soon be realized!

M. E. CHURCH, NORTH DIGHTON, MASS.

The first veritable fact concerning the introduction of Methodism in North Dighton is, that Israel Anthony, a Methodist, came to North Dighton in 1814 as an overseer in the Mt. Hope mill. He immediately



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interested himself in the moral and religious welfare of the place. Through his influence Methodist preaching was occasionally had. During the latter part of 1815 or early in 1816 a great revival began as a result of the preaching, and under the direction of the Rev. Orlando Hinds, who was associated with Francis Dane on the "Providence and Mansfield" circuit. North Dighton being included. The first class was formed of the fruits of this revival. Very meagre data is at hand concerning the work for several years following.

The first authentic record of the church is a class paper which was

preserved until recently, but now lost. It was dated Wellington, July 31, 1823; the north part of Dighton having been incorporated in 1814 as the town of Wellington. Twenty-six members were enrolled in the class. Abiather White was the class leader. Lorenzo Dow visited

North Dighton about this time and preached twice on a certain Sabbath. The class was sustained and Methodist doctrines preached during the successive years, but not until 1830 did North Dighton enjoy the service of a stationed preacher, Rev. John D. Baldwin having the honor of being the first appointee. The work prospered under his leadership, and during this year the need of a church building was so urgently felt that the work of building was begun under the leadership of Abiather White, the class leader.

In 1831 "Father" Dane and the Rev. H. Walden were on the new circuit "Somerset and Dighton."

The new church was formally dedicated to Christian worship on



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Wednesday, July 13, 1831. The Rev. Lewis Bates of Bristol, R. I. (better Known as Father Bates), preached the dedicatory sermon from Romans i, 16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ."

The first church stood upon the large rock, not far distant from the present church.

The financial account, kept this year for the first time, apparently, shows that including \$10 paid to the Somerset preacher, and \$26.28 as "private presents to F. Dane," only \$157.08 was raised for the pastor and "for the P. Elder's table Expense \$9.21"! No wonder that

some of the girls employed in the mills felt moved to purchase a new suit of clothes to replace "Father" Dane's threadbare garments.

In 1837 North Dighton became an independent charge. Rev. John Bayley was appointed pastor. From this date (1837) to the present time a complete record of pastoral service has been preserved. In 1847 the parsonage was built. Among those converted this year were Josiah R. Talbot and Mary (Pilkington) Dunlap, who are still active members in the church.

Rev. William Cone was the first pastor to occupy the parsonage.

The work of grace continued this year, and in July, 1848, a young man about 17 years old, then employed as a clerk in Mr. Almy's store, was soundly converted. If the faithful pastor had never seen but this one young man converted during his entire ministry, he would have had abundant cause for rejoicing. Neither he nor any of the church, however, could then have realized what mighty results were to follow from that one step of the young "Charlie" Payne.

On January 6th, 1850, Charles H. Payne was granted a license as a local preacher.

Rev. L. B. Bates, son of "Father" Bates, became pastor in 1861. "During these two years (1861-62), thirty-nine who were members of the church or Sunday school enlisted as soldiers in the Union army."

At the second Quarterly Conference, held July 1st, 1864, Otis H. Bates was licensed as a local preacher. Mr. Bates' license was renewed for many years and he had, to the end of his earthly life, an enviable reputation as a citizen, as a preacher, and as a Christian.

In 1866 the present church edifice was completed (the old church having become "too narrow"), Rev. Mark Trafton, D. D., preaching the dedicatory sermon, October 11. Text: 1st Timothy, i, 5.

During the pastorate of T. Snowdon Thomas, 1868, Lewis Bates Codding, now a member of our Conference, was converted.

Edwin F. Jones was pastor in 1871, and organized, chiefly from among those converted that year, the North Dighton Praying Band. Charles F. Fales, still an active member and an official in the church, led the singing. This "Band" of young men was instrumental in leading many to Christ and the church.

In 1874, during the pastorate of Rev. G. W. Ballou, John McVay, now a member of the Conference, was converted.

The church was renovated thoroughly in 1884, Martin T. Braley, who had been converted and licensed to preach November 22, 1884, took part in the re-opening exercises held January 11 and 12, 1885, during the popular pastorate of G. H. Bates. Mr. Brayley is now a member of the Conference, stationed at Jewett City, Conn.

In April, 1885, Frank P. Parkin was appointed to North Dighton. He remained three years (the full term at that time). It was during this pastorate that the church passed through its most trying ordeal. We quote from Parkin's History of North Dighton Church:

"Early in October, the now historic labor troubles, which extended throughout the country during 1885-86, broke upon North Dighton. For four memorable months the great strike continued in the Dighton Furnace Co., and the town, as well as the church, passed through the most trying and critical period in their history. For a time the church was threatened with disruption. Churches in Wheeling, W. Va., and other places, from almost precisely similar causes, were nearly destroyed; but, by the blessing of God upon the means employed, that calamity was fortunately averted here. Notwithstanding the adverse circumstances special services were held, and a number of very clear conversions occurred. The pastor will ever remember with deep gratitude the many expressions of sympathy, and the prayerful aid which he received in his efforts to preserve the unity of the church during this most critical hour in her history."

Many reverses have come to this church in recent years. A large number of the leading business men, who were also official members in the church, have either been removed by death, or have found homes and business elsewhere. In the official board of the First Church, Taunton, may be found to-day, at least four members who were formerly connected with this church.

The Dighton M. E. Church is a direct offspring from this church. During the four years service of Rev. C. H. Ewer, 1892-95, twenty-five members of the church passed on to their reward.

The business interests of the place have waned, and many Roman Catholics and other non-Methodists have come in to take places formerly filled by Methodists.

Still North Dighton Church is by no means an undesirable appointment, the church having a membership of 157, and the Sunday school an enrollment of 248 members.

PASTORS.

1837. 1838. 1839. 1840-41. 1842. 1843. 1844. 1845. 1846. 1847-48. 1850. 1851-52. 1853. 1854-55. 1856.	John Bayley David Culver Ephraim Capen Bryan Morse George H. Winchester Charles A. Carter Edward A. Lyon Abel Gardner Richard Donkersley William Cone Franklin Gavitt W. H. Richards Asa N. Bodfish Lawton Cady Carlos Banning Nathaniel Bemis Ormando N. Brooks	1860. 1861-62. 1863-64. 1865-67. 1868. 1869-70. 1871. 1872-74. 1875-76. 1877. 1888-89. 1885-87. 1888-89. 1890-91. 1892-95.	John N. Collier Lewis B. Bates Erastus Benton Asa N. Bodfish T. Snowdon Thomas W. H. Stetson Edwin F. Jones George W. Ballou George H. Bates J. W. Malcolm George W. Wright George H. Lamson George H. Bates Frank P. Parkin C. E. Brightman W. E. Kugler C. H. Ewer
1857. 1858-59.			

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

J. R. Talbot, Joseph Philbrick, William B. Hathaway, Frank K. Chase, William L. White, Charles F. Ingalls, Charles H. Evans, Sr., George W. Marston, Charles H. Evans, Jr., N. H. Rose, Charles F. Fales, Eugene R. Rose, George W. Hunt, John H. Thornley, Mrs. Alice M. Hathaway, Mrs. Ida V. Codding, Mrs. Nettie A. Chase, Mrs. Emma A. Rose.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Eugene F. Rose; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Alice M. Hathaway; Secretary, Miss Emma White;

Treasurer, Miss Anne Brownell; Librarian, N. H. Rose.

Epworth League—President, Pastor; First Vice-President, Emma White; Second Vice-President, Ida White; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Alice M. Hathaway; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Maude Rose; Secretary, Miss Bertha Walsh; Treasurer, Ralph M. Strange.

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M. E. CHURCH, NORTH TISBURY, MASS.

Very early in the century the Methodist itinerants reached Martha's Vineyard, and the people of North Shore enjoyed the privileges thus afforded.

In 1820 a class was organized by Eleazer Steele, and since that



NORTH TISBURY CHURCH.

date Methodism has been represented, and her preachers have found a home among this people. The school house or the homes of the people were depended upon for a place of worship until 1846, when Rev. A. B. Wheeler secured the necessary funds for a chapel. This was built during the same year, and dedicated by appropriate exercises, Rev. Daniel Wise coming from Nantucket to preach the sermon. Until 1857 the people of this charge were dependent upon the preachers of Vinevard Haven or Chilmark for pulpit supply. In that year Mr. McKinstry was appointed, and the place has since

enjoyed regular preaching.

The need of a parsonage was greatly felt for several years. After much sacrifice by the people a sufficient sum was subscribed to justify a beginning, and in 1860 the present house was built. W. T. Miller

was somewhat rewarded for his zeal in the enterprise by being privileged to be its first occupant.

Prosperity continued to smile upon the labors of this people during the pastorate of Charles Stokes. An organ was purchased at this time, and at a meeting held by the trustees steps were taken to enlarge the church and erect a belfry.

Mr. Stokes was succeeded by T. B. Gurney in 1876. He entered into the work of enlargement with a will. During the year the work was completed. The desk from which the gospel is proclaimed to this



REV. C. W. RUOFF.

people was made and presented to the church by Mr. Gurney at this time.

Until 1881 the belfry was without an occupant, but the ladies and young people worked together, and the result of their work was made manifest during this year by the purchase of a \$170 bell.

While Mr. Fish ministered to this people (1883-85), the interior of the church was repaired.

Mr. Wood labored (1888-90), and the church was shingled and painted.

During the present pastorate much has been done towards improving both the church and parsonage property.

The spiritual affairs of the charge would require an account of each pastorate, as each pastor has accomplished good, and most have witnessed the conversion of souls and additions to the church. It is pleasant to remark, in this connection, that the writer of this article has heard some word of appreciation concerning every pastor since the appointment of Mr. McKinstry in 1857.

PASTORS.

1857.	L. C. McKinstry	1873.	Moses Brown
1858-59.	Joseph Hunt	1874-75.	Charles Stokes
1860.	Benjamin Haines	1876-77.	T. B. Gurney
1861-62.	Jason Gill	1878.	A. B. Bessey
1863.	Isaac B. Forbes	1879.	E. H. Hatfield and
1864-65.	George Peirson		J. B. Hamblin
1866.	David Cook and G. A.	1880-82,	J. B. Washburn
	Silfverston	1883-85.	J. S. Fish
1867-68.	James Dixon	1886-87.	J. B. Washburn
1869-70.	William T. Miller	1888-90.	James A. Wood
1871.	Lawton Cady, W. Cot-	1891-93.	C. P. Flanders
•	tle and R. F. Macy	1894.	F. D. Sargent
1872.	R. F. Macy and C. G.	1895.	Walter A. Gardner
	Downing		Chauncey W. Ruoff

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—President, Edward Cottle; Secretary, William Pease; Hiram Luce, H. Nelson Luce, O. S. Daggett.

Stewards—Edward Cottle (R. S.), William L. Pease, Hiram Luce, H. Nelson Luce, Obed S. Daggett, Helen M. Luce, Maria R. Daggett.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Anson M. Luce; Assistant Superintendent, Edward Cottle; Treasurer, Helen M. Luce; Organist, Maud Washburn. Teachers, C. W. Ruoff, Maria R. Daggett, J. F. Luce, Mrs. Alice Look, Mrs. H. M. Luce.

UNION CHURCH, NORTH TRURO, MASS.

In the closing years of the last century Methodist itinerants came sowing the seed. North Truro, then known as Pond Village, was included in the circuit with Provincetown and Truro Center. There is no record of a class being formed till after the great revival of 1821,



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under Frederick Upham and others, when Ebenezer Atkins was appointed class leader, with a class of over twenty members. This was in 1822.

After a few years the members at North Truro joined those at Truro Centre, in building a meeting-house at the latter place. This remained the church home of both societies for about fourteen years. The ministers stationed at Truro Centre, South Truro and a teacher in Provincetown, who afterwards became the first pastor in North Truro, held preaching services at private houses and at the school house. About 1834 a Sabbath school was organized, each member being taxed.

In 1840 the Methodists of North Truro withdrew from the church

at the Centre, and united with the Congregationalists of the north part of the town in building the present Union Church. The constitution provided that the pulpit should be supplied by Congregational and Methodist ministers alternately. The Methodist Sabbath school was changed to a Union school. The missionary collection is divided between the missionary societies of the two denominations.

The church was built entirely by local workmen. During the pastorate of Isaac Sherman, extensive improvements were made, the building being raised and a vestry placed under it at an expense of \$1,800. Credit for the success of the undertaking is universally given to Mr. Sherman. His picture adorns the vestry wall behind the desk.

A parsonage and lot were purchased for \$500 during Benjamin K. Bosworth's pastorate.

Revivals leaving permanent results occurred during John D. King's and Isaac Sherman's pastorates.

PASTORS.

With denomination to which they belong: M, Methodist; C, Congregationalist; A, Advent.

1840-41. 1842.	worth (died after	1863-65. 1866-68.	Joseph A. Bartlett, M Philander Bates, C Charles Stokes, M
7810 11		1869-70.	Jacob W. Price, M
1842-44.		1871-72.	H. W. S. Packard, M
1845-46.	John D. King, M	1873.	Joel Martin, M
1847-48.	Arnold Adams, M	1874-77.	Isaac Sherman, M
1849.	Thomas Smith, A; three months, C	1878-81.	Charles Morgan, M then C
1849-50.	George W. Rogers, M	1882-83.	Samuel Morrison, C
1851-53.	Samuel J. M. Lord, C	1884-86.	Benj. K. Bosworth, M
1855.	Franklin Sears, M; six	1887.	Frederic A. Crafts, M
	months		C. P. Flanders, M
1856-58.	Job Cushman, C		John E. Duxbury, M
1859.	Abram Holway, M; six months	1893-95.	Charles A. Purdy, M Arthur H. Scudder, M
1860.	Malcolm D. Herrick, M	-	,



REV. A. H. SCUDDER.



MRS. A. H. SCUDDER.

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Stewards—Mrs. Mary M. Fisher, John L. Rich (D. S.), Mrs. Elizabeth C. M. Dutton, Mrs. Ida L. Lombard, Mrs. Amelia L. Rich, Mrs. Emma F. Smith, William F. Dutton.

Class Leader-Mrs Elizabeth C. M. Dutton.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Mrs. Sarah F. Smith; Secretary, Mrs. Emma F. Smith; Treasurer, John L. Rich; Librarian, Arthur Atwood.

M. E. CHURCH, ORLEANS, MASS.

In giving a history of the church, we find that it is difficult to obtain just the right information needed. In the early part of the 19th century there was organized a Reformed Methodist Church. The date of its organization has long ago passed out of sight. We find a



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record of the first Sunday school in this church, which was organized on Sunday, August 2, 1827. All trace of this society is lost until 1836, when this Reformed Methodist organization requested the Rev. Mr. Webb to supply them a minister from the Conference. The Conference met in August of the same year, and Rev. T. G. Brown was the man sent to Orleans as the first pastor of the M. E. Church

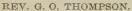
proper. Rev. Mr. Brown and wife came to Orleans in September, and organized the M. E. Church. The first sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in October, 1836, continued with a four days meeting and thirty-five precious souls found their way out of darkness into light.

In 1838 the Rev. Philip Crandon, of sainted memory, was stationed here, and on July 12th, 1838, commenced taking down the old church building, which was purchased by the M. E. Society, and work was begun on the present structure in a new location. The cornerstone of this house of worship was laid August 21st, 1838. At this time Rev. Mr. Crandon was absent and the Rev. Davis Lathrop of the Baptist Church was invited to come and offer the first prayer in the new Methodist Church building.

November 16, 1838, saw the new enterprise completed, and at 10.30 A. M. of the same day it was dedicated to Him who is the author of all grand enterprises. The prayer was offered by Rev. Joel Steele, and the sermon was preached by Rev. F. Upham, Presiding Elder. He selected for the foundation of his remarks John viii, 9-10. For nearly sixty years this society has stood the burden and heat of the day. It was born in an atmosphere of opposition and exists in the same to-day, but this has only tended to preserve and make it useful. The

decline of the fishery industry has crippled it in numbers. On account of no employement here our people are compelled to move elsewhere for a livelihood. Our membership has decreased until it only numbers







MRS. G. O. THOMPSON.

about fifty active members, with a few passive ones.

This sketch would not be complete without the mention of Mrs. Sarah E. Doane, daughter of Prince S. and Nancy B. Harding, who



MISS FLOSSIE SMITH. Epworth League President.



MRS. SARAH E. DOANE.

were staunch Methodists, and who were among the first to lay the foundation of our church in this place so many years ago. In the year 1856, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Alexander, who conducted one of the most successful revivals ever held in this church,

Mrs. Doane with about fifty others started on that long journey that knows no end. Most of this company are now traveling in the Heavenly country. Mrs. Doane is still with us, and is one of our greatest factors in the light and life of the church. She has just placed in

and mother. Long may she live to bless this church and community.

The building is now undergoing a thorough repairing and remodeling. A new tower has been built which is 55 feet high and a 1,200-pound bell placed in the same. Mr. A. O. Smith of Boston and others are preparing memorial windows for the church. When completed it will be one of the coziest little churches on the Cape. What the future of the church will be we cannot predict. But we know that He who watches the sparrow that falls, and waters the lily by the brook, and numbers the hairs of our heads, will care for His little church in Orlans. Let us trust in Him.

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—Ezra Knowles, Thomas Smith, Jabez Sparrow, Gorge Fisk, Mrs. Oliver Doane, A. O. Smith, Mrs. Lizzie Smith, Mrs. Thankful Knowles, Mrs. Ellen Harding.

Stewards—Ezra Knowles, Thomas Smith, A. O. Smith, George Fisk, Mrs. Ezra Knowles, Mrs. Ellen Harding, Mrs. Sarah E. Doane, Mrs. Lizzie Smith, Mrs. Mary E. Young.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Thomas Smith; Assistant Superintendent, George Fisk; Secertary, Asa O. Smith; Treasurer, Freeman Collins; Librarians, Miss Sadie Collins and Miss Grace Fisk.

Teachers—Mrs. Mary E. Young, Mrs. Thankful Knowles, Mrs. Clara Smith, Mrs. A. F. Hurd, Miss Fannie M. Smith, Mrs. George Fisk, Ezra Knowles, Mrs. G. O. Thompson; Miss Grace Fisk, Organist.

Epworth League—Organized October 21, 1889, by Rev. O. A. Farley, Chap. No. 1240—President, Miss Flossie Smith; Department Spiritual Work, Mrs. Lizzie Smith; Department Mercy and Help, Mrs. Clara Smith; Literary Department, Mrs. Susie Snow; Social, Miss Ethel T. Dyer; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Agnes Hall.

M. E. CHURCH. OSTERVILLE, MASS.

By Rev. George M. Fowles.

The first Methodists of this village were members of the church at Marston's Mills. In 1829 a class numbering about ten was organized at Osterville with Oliver Hinckley as leader. The members of this class still retained their connection with the church at the Mills,



THE OSTERVILLE CHURCH.

and attended preaching services there, until 1846, when thirty-two withdrew from that church and formed a separate organization at Osterville. Services were held in the old Meeting-House until the following year, when a church building was erected at a cost of \$2,500, all of which was provided for before dedication. A. M. Osgood was

pastor. Robert M. Hatfield of Sandwich preached the dedicatory sermon.

In 1848 Osterville became a district charge, and John B. Hunt was stationed here as preacher in charge. During his pastorate the parsonage was built and furnished.

In 1858, while J. W. Willett was pastor, a bell was purchased and placed in the tower. The vestry was built



THE OSTERVILLE PARSONAGE.

and furnished in 1862, while H. D. Robinson was stationed here.

The first organ was placed in the church in 1869, during the

pastorate of C. N. Hinckley. This was replaced by the present organ in 1888, while E. B. Gurney was pastor. In 1890 the entire church was remodeled and refurnished at a cost of about \$1,600, all of which was paid. F. H. Corson was pastor.

An historical sketch of this church would not be complete without special mention of the labors and liberality of Oliver Hinckley and his wife. Both were converted in 1828, under the ministry of Enoch Bradley. Both were members of the first class formed in Osterville. Their house was the home of the Methodist preachers for over half a century. Father Hinckley, from the time of his appointment as



REV. G. M. FOWLES.



FATHER HINCKLEY.

class leader in 1829, until his death in 1888, was an effective member of the official board. This church has been especially blessed in having loyal devoted Christian workers on the various boards. Of the original board of trustees, John A. Blossom served thirty-one years; Josiah Scudder, Jr., thirty years; George H. Hinckley, forty-four—all of which time he was secretary. Oliver Crocker is the only surviving member of that board. He has completed fifty years of official service, and for the last thirty years has been President of the Board of Trustees. Four ministers have been raised up in this church: E. B. Hinckley, C. N. Hinckley, James R. Goodspeed and G. B. Hinckley. The last-named was a local preacher.

At present the membership is not as large as it once was, but Methodism still has a loyal band of workers here. Several of the first members of the church have been spared to bless the present generation with their devotion and their prayers. All things considered, our church is prosperous now, and is looking forward to better things in

the future. In closing this sketch we wish to state that of late years the church has found a number of friends and helpers among the summer visitors. One of these deserves especial mention. Mrs. J. W. Gaff, a noble Christian woman, by her influence, her presence at the church services, and her liberality, is a great help to the church and an example of a Christian abounding in good works while away from home to spend the summer season.



MARY W. SCUDDER. Sunday School Superintendent.



OLIVER CROCKER.
President Board of Trustees.

PASTORS.

1847.	A. M. Osgood	1872-73.	C. H. Ewer
1848.	John B. Hunt	1875-76.	J. W. Fitch
1849.	Nahum Tainter	1876.	D. C. Porter
1850.	John Tasker	1877.	G. H. Butler
1851.	J. B. Washburn	1878.	E. S. Fletcher
1852.	B. K. Bosworth	1879-80.	S. H. Day
1853.	J. C. Allen	1881-83.	G. A. Grant
1854.	John B. Hunt	1884.	W. W. Hall
1855-56.	John Collier	1885-86.	L. B. Codding
1857-58.	John W. Willett	1887.	C. H. Dalrymple
1859-60.	E. H. Colby	1887.	E. F. Newell
1861-62.	H. D. Robinson	1888-89.	E. B. Gurney
1863-64.	Edward Edson	1890-91.	F. H. Corson
1865.	Edward B. Hinckley	1892-94.	Oscar E. Johnson
1866.	E. M. Anthony	1895.	G. A. Sisson
1867-69.	C. N. Hinckley	1896.	O. A. Farley
1870-71.	S. P. Snow	1897—	George M. Fowles

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Sunday School—Superintendent, Mrs. Mary Scudder; Secretary, Miss Mildred Patterson; Corresponding Secretary, Edwin H. Lewis;

Treasurer, Miss Hannah Lewis; Librarian, Miss Etta Lovell.

Epworth League—The Epworth League was organized September, 1897, and has not yet elected officers for all the departments. At present those elected are as follows: President, George M. Fowles; Department Social Work, Miss Etta Lovell; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Cora Lewis.

M. E. CHURCH, CENTERVILLE, MASS.

By Mrs. Bertha Sears Lewis.

In the beginning of Centreville Methodism a few persons joined the Methodist church at Osterville. These few started a sewing circle at the home of Mrs. Susan Phinney. The first circle was held at the home of Mrs. Luther Phinney, where baked beans were served for



THE CENTERVILLE CHURCH.

supper. The articles made at these circles were sold at fairs. After a good many meetings of this kind from house to house, where the ladies sewed and chatted, enough money was realized to build the church. The church was dedicated in 1876. It has not been an independent church, but was joined with Osterville at first, and then Barnstable. During the past two years it has been connected with Osterville. Among the preachers who have served this church, S. Hamilton Day, D. D. (now pastor of Grace M. E. Church, St. Augustine,

Florida), deserves special mention. He came here in 1879 and remained two years. He and his talented wife labored heartily and successfully, and many abiding influences of his faithful work may be seen here.

Rev. George A. Grant is also one of the pastors whose work was successful. He came here in 1887 on his first charge, remaining three years, attracting large congregations, and left with the love of the whole place.

Lewis B. Codding was also very successful in his two years' ministry here, 1885-6. Osterville and Centreville were also his first



LUTHER PHINNEY.



R. E. CHILDS.

charges. During special revival services he was assisted by a consecrated layman, Hon. Franklyn Howland of Acushnet, Mass. A rather unique thing occurred during this revival. A circle of several of the most popular young women in this place who had become fascinated with dancing were converted, and the balls ceased. Ten of these young women were received into the church at one time, one of whom afterwards became the wife of Rev. E. F. Newell, while the others became women of influence in this and other communities.

Rev. Rennetts C. Miller, the editor of this Souvenir History, came to us in April, 1892, as he was closing his theological course in Boston University, and began his ministry here, preaching also at Barnstable the same year. He found the congregations small and the people greatly discouraged. By his energetic efforts, abundant enthusiasm and natural oratorical ability the congregations increased till the church was filled. No difficulty was experienced in raising money for the various objects of the church. The revival of that year left some permanent spiritual results for his labor.

Rev. Sarah A. Dixon, daughter of Mr. William Dixon of Barnstable, was sent here in 1894 as a "supply" during her college course in Boston University. She attracted large congregations every Sabbath. The interest was undiminished from the beginning to the end of her two years pastorate. Her consecrated life, faithful pastoral work, and eloquent, thoughtful sermons have left a deep impression on this place.

During the past few years this little church has had to face some hard problems, and what the future will be is as yet uncertain. Since last April, Rev. G. M. Fowles, a student in Boston University School of Theology, has been supplying the pulpit with great satisfaction to the people.

PASTORS.

1877.	George H. Butler	1889.	George Bernreuter
	Ephraim S. Fletcher	1890.	Robert S. Moore
1879-80.	S. Hamilton Day	1891.	J. F. Prior
1881-83.	George A. Grant	1892.	Rennetts C. Miller
1884.	Winfield W. Hall	1893.	J. S. Meracle
	Lewis B. Codding	1894-95.	Sarah A. Dixon
1887 to J	an I, '88. C. H. Dal-	1896.	O. A. Farley
	rymple	1897.	George M. Fowles
	Elmer F Newell		







MRS. EUNICE PHINNEY (deceased).

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Stewards—Henry B. Sears, C. H. Sears, Augustus F. Childs, Mrs. Tryphosa Lewis, Mrs. Phoebe Childs, Mrs. Hannah Childs, Nathan H. Bearse.

Trustees—Luther Phinney, Nathan H. Bearse, R. E. Childs, Reuben Childs, Benjamin Childs, Edward W. Childs, Henry B. Sears. Sunday School Superintendent—Nathan H. Bearse.

MEMORIAL M. E. CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MASS.

Early itinerant ministers, traveling from Boston down to Cape Cod, often passed a night and preached at Plymouth. Among them were Revs. George Pickering, Francis Asbury, Father Taylor, and in the later time, B. Otheman, and Frederick Upham. By these and others, Methodism was introduced to the attention of the people, as also by the settlement of Methodists from other places. Wisely divining the



PLYMOUTH MEMORIAL CHURCH.

outlook, Rev. Frederick Upham, D. D., then Presiding Elder, organized a Methodist Church December 4, 1842, consisting of fourteen members and eleven probationers. Rev. E. B. Bradford was preacher in charge for the remainder of the year, when Nelson Goodrich was stationed here for 1843-44. From 1845 to 1851, the Society was without a stationed pastor.

Classes were often formed and as often failed of permanent organization. There was one man, prominent among these, who had been converted in Duxbury, through whose influence these scattered members were at length collected into a church. This was William R. Drew, who still lives to see the result of the work done in those early years.

Previous to the organization, casual sermons were preached in private residences, Brown's Hall, and the Green Meeting House, which was hired about two years.

In February, 1852, the Robinson Congregational Church was purchased.

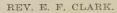
In 1869 under the direction and by the labor of Rev. William



PLYMOUTH MEMORIAL PARSONAGE.

Livesey the house was raised and a vestry added. It was otherwise repaired and beautified, at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars.







MRS. E. F. CLARK.

Soon after a parsonage was secured though the debt on it was not paid till 1881.

The continued growth of the Society made possible the change of location and the building of a new church. A new lot was secured

opposite the Court House on Court Street, and the present commodious house was erected at a cost of nearly twenty-six thousand dollars.

The honor of its erection fell to Rev. Walter J. Yates, who laid the corner-stone October 4, 1884. This, known as the Memorial



MRS. P. R. CLIFFORD. Sunday School Superintendent.



H. L. JOHNSON. Epworth League President.

Church, was dedicated June 9, 1886, under the successful pastorate of Rev. George H. Bates.

The parsonage was sold at this time and a commodious house provided near the church. A new street was laid out just south of



R. S. DOUGLASS.



WILLIAM R. DREW. President Board of Stewards.

the church. This added much to the value and beauty of the church as it placed the church on a corner lot. Adjacent land has been

bought, and when the environment has been completed, the view will be one of the most desirable in the Conference.

While most pastorates have witnessed conversions, some are especially memorable in this direction. The pastorates of Revs. Moses Chase and George H. Bates command especial notice.

Its financial history is redolent with honor, personal sacrifice and liberality. The cost of Memorial Church was twenty-five thousand six hundred and thirty-eight dollars, and while others were liberal, the munificence of William R. Drew and Roswell S. Douglass merits lasting gratitude.

PASTORS.

1843-44. 1845-51. 1852. 1853-54. 1855. 1856. 1857. 1858. 1859. 1860-61. 1862-63. 1864-66. 1867-68.	Nelson Goodrich No regular ministry. Lorenzo White Moses Chase William Kellen Carlos Banning Edward H. Hatfield E. K. Colby Robert Clark Thomas Sleeper Franklin Gavitt George F. Pool Henry H. Martin William Livesey	1871. 1872. 1873. 1874-76. 1877. 1878. 1879-81. 1882-84. 1885-87. 1888-89. 1890-92. 1893-96.	Theodore M. House Augustus W. Mills George A. Morse John W. Malcolm James O. Thompson Frederic A. Crafts John H. Allen Walter J. Yates George H. Bates Joseph H. James George E. Brightman John H. Newland Edgar F. Clark
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PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Official Board—William R. Drew, Roswell S. Douglass, Winslow Rickard, W. P. Rickard, C. E. Stevens, John E. Jordan, William Grantham, J. F. Moore, J. B. Briggs, James Skillman, W. T. Burbank, Lyman F. Tripp, W. H. Henry, James Gyngell, Harry L. Johnson, C. L. Johnson.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Mrs. P. R. Clifford; Assistant Superintendent, H. L. Johnson; Secretary, Mrs. Otis B. Morton; Treasurer, William T. Burbank; Superintendent Primary Department, Miss Lizzie F. Morton.

Epworth League—President, Harry L. Johnson; First Vice-President, S. William Churchill; Second Vice-President, Mrs. F. J. Douglass; Third Vice-President, Miss Grace W. Irwin; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Gertrude C. Bennett; Secretary, Miss Mary B. Magee; Treasurer, Arthur E. Austin.

M. E. CHURCH, CHILTONVILLE, MASS. "RUSSELL MILLS."

It was dedicated January 1, 1840. Elder William Faunce, the founder (residing at that time at what is now called Russell Mills), was a nailer by trade, and being very much interested in Christian work, conceived the idea of building a church.

His education was very limited, and having no funds of his own



THE CHILTONVILLE CHURCH.

to carry on the work, contributions were solicited from any who were willing to lend a helping hand.

The Fourth Congregational Church of Chiltonville being just completed, and the carpenters having lumber left over from the building, agreed to sell it to Mr. Faunce at a discount and erect the church on very easy terms.



MISS KATE W. HADAWAY.
Asst. Superintendent Sunday School.



MISS DELLA NEWHALL.
Third Vice-President Epworth League.

The dedication took place in the morning, and the ordination of the pastor (Mr. William Faunce) in the afternoon. The church organized consisted of ten persons, and was called the Christian Baptist Church. Mr. Faunce was pastor of the same about eighteen years, and then took a new field of labor at Mattapoisett, where he still resides.

After a few weeks, there being a division of opinion in the church, Rev. Mr. Mayall, from the Protestant Methodist Church, was chosen to fill the vacancy. In about six months' times he was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Tozer, who remained about the same length of time. The next in succession was Rev. Mr. Carter, and at the end of the year he was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Smith for the space of two years. Rev. Mr. Clark then filled the vacancy about four years. After he left Rev. Mr. Taylor preached here occasionally for a few months, and then the

church was closed until ten years ago. The M. E. Church at Plymouth, through the influence of Mr. Arnold, to whom much praise is due, interested itself in the matter and accepted it as a branch of that church, it having no separate organization of its own. Rev. Oscar Johnson was the first pastor, for about two years, and was succeeded by Rev. Oscar Hillard for the same space of time. The next in succession were Rev. Edwin S. Tasker, who remained for seven months; Rev. C. B. Allen, sixteen months; Rev. Mr. Houldgate, nine months; Rev. Mr. Sawyer, succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Xenophon McKee Fowler.



REV. X. McKEE FOWLER.

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Sunday School—Superintendent, X. M. Fowler; Assistant Superintendent, Kittie W. Hadaway; Secretary and Treasurer, Mary L. King; Librarian, Mrs. Sarah Thurston.

Epworth League—President, X. M. Fowler; First Vice-President, Miss Mary L. King; Second Vice-President, Miss Della Newhall; Third Vice-President, Mrs. S. Bennett; Secretary, Mrs. J. B. S. Hadaway; Assistant Secretary, Miss Kittie W. Hadaway; Treasurer, Miss Mary L. King.



Daniel Wise—1850 and 1897. (See biographical shetch among the superannuates.)

TWO DISTINGUISHED WRITERS OF METHODISM WHOSE ACTIVE MINISTRY WAS SPENT LARGELY IN THIS CONFERENCE.



Abel Stevens—1850 and 1897.

Historian of Methodism.

CENTENARY M. E. CHURCH, PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

In the autumn of the year 1847 some of the prominent members of the only Methodist church in Provincetown were led seriously to consider the matter of a second Methodist church, to be located in



CENTENARY CHURCH, PROVINCE-TOWN.

the western part of the town, for the better accommodation of many whose residences were in that section.

The Rev. William T. Harlow, Presiding Elder of the District, was consulted, and encouraged the people to carry out their plans. Accordingly, in January of 1848, Freeman Atkins, Samuel Soper and Rufus L. Thatcher, in behalf of the new society, purchased an edifice which had been the property and the place of worship of the Universalist Society.

In the following March the carpenters were set to work remodeling the building, and in six months' time the building was ready for occupancy. At this time, September, 1848, ninety-one members

of the Centre withdrew for the purpose of forming the new society. The pastor of this flock was the Rev. Samuel Fox, whose first sermon

was based on the text found in the Second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, the thirteenth chapter, the fifth verse: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves."

Some of the company present on that occasion yet remain among us; others, many others, have gone to the church triumphant. The name which the young society adopted and by which it was known for nearly a score of years, was the "Wesley Chapel." In 1865 the project of a new house of worship was discussed by the members of



REV. C. E. HARRIS.

Wesley Chapel. The Rev. J. F. Sheffield, at this time pastor of the church, labored hard for the new church and brought the scheme well forward prior to the appointment of his successor. Arrangements for building were perfected, and on June 14, 1866, with the Rev. George W. Bridge as captain of the host, the people went up to the feast of dedication. The sermon on that occasion was preached by the Rev. Jesse T. Peck, D. D., Chancellor of Syracuse University, and in 1872 made a Bishop in the Methodist-Episcopal Church. For a little more than thirty years the Centenary Church has worshipped in this spacious and beautiful edifice.



MYRON C. ATWOOD, Treasurer for seventeen years.



WALLACE CUTTER, Sunday School Superintendent.

PASTORS.

1848. 1849-50. 1851-52. 1853-54. 1855-56. 1857-58. 1859-60. 1861-62. 1863-64. 1865-66.	Samuel Fox Azariah B. Wheeler John Livesey, Jr. Josiah Higgins N. P. Philbrook B. K. Bosworth J. T. Wright I. Cooper J. F. Sheffield George W. Bridge George M. Hamlen Shadrach Leader	1872-73. 1874-76. 1877-79. 1880-81. 1882-83. 1884. 1885-86. 1887-88. 1889-91. 1892.	William McK. Bray George A. Morse George H. Bates George W. Hunt John H. Allen Warren Applebee George C. King Thomas J. Everett Samuel McBurney A. A. Kidder A. N. Searles
		1893. 1894-95.	A. N. Searles George A. Grant
1870-71. 1872.	Andrew J. Kenyon John Livesey	1896—	Charles E. Harris

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Parish Committee—Benjamin H. Dyer, Nathan Young, Fred E. Williams, Seth Smith, Henry T. Chipman, Myrick C. Atwood.

Trustees—Seth Smith, Nathan Young, Benjamin H. Dyer, B. O. Gross, Andrew T. Williams, L. M. Paine, Stephen F. Atwood, Frederick A. H. Gifford, Cushing H. Emery.

Stewards—Nathan Young, B. O. Gross, Benjamin H. Dyer, Seth Smith, Cushing H. Emery, Alfred J. Emery, Nathaniel W. Ayers, Frederick A. H. Gifford, Stephen F. Atwood, Charles L. Young, William S. Birge, Ella F. Birge, Priscilla B. Young (R. S.), Seth Smith (D. S.), Benjamin H. Dyer.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Wallace Cutter; Assistant Superintendent, Mary E. Sparrow; Secretary and Treasurer, Andrew T. Williams; Librarian, Myrick C. Atwood; Assistant Librarians, Fred E. Williams, Louis Allen. Teachers—L. N. Paine, James Callaghan, Emily F. Smith, Phebe E. Freeman, Priscilla B. Young, Mary E. Sparrow, Millie F. Chace, Charles E. Harris, Rebecca L. Nickerson, Millie F. Young, Alice Young, Louise Atwood, Clara L. Watson, H. E. Holmes, Louise Ellis.

REV. G. M. HAMLEN, D. D., AND HIS WORK.

In the fall of 1888 Dr. Hamlen was invited to take the financial agency of Mallalieu Seminary, Kinsey, Alabama, a school which had had a delicate life for five or six years, and at the time of his acceptance was regarded as a sort of forlorn hope. After spending a few months



PRES. G. M. HAMLEN AND WIFE.

in presenting the work to the people as occasion offered, he went South to visit the work, and in connection with Mrs. Hamlen they spent some three months there studying the situation. Poverty and illiteracy met them on every hand, but what seemed stranger than these was the insatiate desire on the part of so large a proportion of the people, old and young, to profit by the school privileges offered them. Parents were willing, and in most cases compelled, to make unusual sacrifices that their children could attend school.

Most of the students now in school are aided from the "Indigent Students' Fund." Were this larger many more might be in attendance. After one year's service as Financial Agent he was unanimously elected president of the institution, which position he still holds. Under his administration the institution has been freed from an onerous debt. Several acres of land have been purchased and a large dormitory has been built, in accordance with a plan sent from Cairo, Egypt, by Bishop Mallalieu. This is the largest building in Henry County and gives students who cannot afford to pay five dollars a month for board an opportunity to board themselves. There have been enrolled 180 students during the year. A special act of legislature protects the village from the saloon for a radius of two miles. Conversions occur all through the year.

Dr. Hamlen is now seeking an endowment fund. Fifty thousand dollars would put this institution beyond any fear of failure (financially), and the invitation could be extended to all our poor brethren in white, "Send in your children."

CENTRE M. E. CHURCH, PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

The spacious and beautiful harbor of Provincetown has been known to civilization since the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers here in the bleak November of 1620, and their tarry of a month before going to Plymouth for their final settlement. Next to the Mayflower, the



most important vessel which has found shelter in these hospitable waters is that of Captain William Humbert. He was on his way from New York to St. John, New Brunswick. Adverse winds made the voyage hard and perilous, and wind-bound he sought refuge here. He was a local preacher, the first Methodist to visit Provincetown, where, in 1793, he proclaimed our distinctive doctrines.

The seed soon took and within two years the first house of worship was erected, the society duly organized and Provincetown established as one of the stations on the Sandwich district. The name ap-

CENTRE CHURCH, PROVINCETOWN, pears for the first time in the list of appointments at the Conference

held in New London, Conn., July 15, 1795. George Cannon was the first circuit preacher, and Jesse Lee the first presiding elder.

While Methodist doctrine was taking firm hold upon the hearts of the people, it was also stirring up bitter opposition.

town, by formal vote in a public meeting, declared that the Methodists should not have a house of worship within its limits. Deeming their rights invaded, the heroic band proceeded to build. But persecution continued for 30 years, so that it was far from being safe, not to say respectable, to be a Methodist. Men piled up fish heads on the shore for



CENTRE CHURCH PARSONAGE.

to throw at the Methodists as they went to church. Many a woman crawled on her hands and knees under the fish flakes in order to avoid the insults sure to be heaped upon her. So great were these abuses that at one time some 30 or 40 members of the early church removed in a company to the state of Maine, where they might live in peace and



REV. W. P. BUCK.



MRS. W. P. BUCK.

worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. As the Puritans fled from religious intolerance in England, so fled these Methodists from the persecutions of the descendants of these Puritans on the very shore of the new world first trod by Pilgrim feet.

But these years of trial were not without their triumphs. God added to the church year by year such as were being saved. A large

increase in the classes and in the membership and influence of the church soon followed. For years now about three-fourths of the Protestant population are Methodists.

Besides many smaller harvests, powerful revivals occurred under the labors of Messrs. Kibby, Bidwell, Townsend and Young. Its love of music and its gift for song, its power of exhortation and of prayer, have marked the church for years.

A good number were added to the church and \$3,000 were raised and spent on repairs during the pastorate of C. A. Stenhouse. The pastorates



D. M. McKAY, Sunday School Superintendent.

of P. M. Vinton, R. Povey and other earlier pastorates have been generally successful. (Here it ought to be said that the present pastorate has been specially blessed with a gracious revival.—Editor.)

Its present splendid edifice, the fourth in the history of the church, was built in 1860-61 and dedicated by Mr. Hatfield. It is an architectural gem, its graceful spire 162 feet in height; it contains 128 pews, seating 900 persons, and cost \$22,000. In neatness, convenience and elegance, it is one of the finest churches in our Conference. Its centennial was appropriately celebrated in 1895.

PASTORS.

1795. 1796. 1797. 1798. 1799. 1800. 1801. 1802. 1803. 1804. 1805. 1806. 1807-12. 1812-24. 1824-25. 1826-27. 1828-29. 1830-31. 1832-33. 1834. 1835-36. 1837-38. 1839. 1840.	George Cannon Robert Yallelee Jacob Ricklow Smitt Weeks William Beaucamp John Merrick Solomon Langdon Edward Whittle Allen H. Cobb Alfred Metcalf Philip Munger Elijah Willard Alexander McLane Epaphras Kibby Shipley W. Willson Leonard Bennett Epaphras Kibby Ebenezer Blake Ephraim Wiley John E. Risley Frederick Upham Ira M. Bidwell Ezekiel W. Stickney Aaron D. Sargent Samuel W. Coggeshall	1842-43. 1844-45. 1846-47. 1848-49. 1850-51. 1852-53. 1854-55. 1856-57. 1858-59. 1860-61. 1862. 1863-64. 1865-66. 1867-68. 1867-68. 1877-79. 1877-79. 1880-81. 1882-83. 1884-86. 1887-89. 1890-92. 1893-94. 1895-—	Paul Townsend John Lovejoy William T. Harlow Elisha B. Bradford Pardon T. Kinney William Livesey Robert McGonegal Merritt P. Alderman Asa N. Bodfish Edward H. Hatfield Josiah T. Benton G. W. Bridge A. P. Aiken C. S. Macreading Charles Young J. H. James E. F. Clark Angelo Canoll H. H. Martin A. William Seavery W. W. Colburn P. M. Vinton Charles A. Stenhouse Richard Povey Walter P. Buck
1041.	Samuel W. Coggeshan	1895	waiter P. Buck

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Sunday School—Superintendent, Daniel M. McKay; First Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. M. Emma Smith; Second Assistant Superintendent, Rev. E. B. Hinckley; Secretary, Betty D. Rich; Treasurer, Louis M. Snow; Librarian, William A. McKay; Chorister, Obadiah Snow; Pianist, Mrs. Cora G. W. Fuller.

Teachers—Mrs. D. A. Small, Mrs. Mary McIntyre, Mrs. Salome C. Hawes, Mrs. Thomas S. Taylor, Miss Hannah Verge, Miss Rosilla McKay, Rev. E. B. Hinckley, Mrs. Heman Smith, Mrs. Isaac Lewis, Miss Sarah Hatch, Obadiah Snow, Joseph Whitcomb, Miss Angie Bell, Miss Josephine Johnson, Rev. W. P. Buck, Miss Cora Daggett, Miss Myra C. Burt, Mrs. William Roberts; Mrs. Alice A. H. Young, Superintendent Primary Department; Mrs. A. L. Putnam, Assistant.

M. E. CHURCH, SAGAMORE, MASS.

Sagamore was formerly "West Sandwich," and the people, in order to attend the Methodist Church, were obliged to go to Sandwichtown, two miles or more from their homes. But that was at a time when Methodist zeal made the miles seem short and people were willing to travel far to hear Methodist preaching.

In 1830, however, it was thought best to erect a church in Sagamore, and Benjamin Burgess, Covell Burgess and Herman Gurney



THE SAGAMORE CHURCH.

were appointed a building committee, and it was largely due to the financial help of the first-named member of the committee that the entire cost of the church, \$3.000, was soon paid.

Rev. Frederick N. Upham, D. D., that "Apollo Belvedere" among the early preachers on the Cape, wrote the deed and that deed remains sure and steadfast like "the law of the Medes and Persians, that altereth not."

It is a notable fact that at the "church raising" just 100 men were present.

The church was large and commodious, having a gallery and

choir-loft, and in those days it was often crowded to overflowing.

But during the pastorate of Rev. S. F. Whidden, in 1868, the galleries were taken out and the church remodeled and a new furnace put in at a cost of about \$1,400. Mr. Hiram Crowell, though not a church member, and yet like Hiram of Tyre, who helped Solomon build the temple, was the leader in this work.

At the present time the people are giving liberal subscriptions for further improvements in the church.

Sagamore shared in great revivals that swept over the church in early days. During the pastorates of Rev. H. Mayo, Lewis Bates, James H. Cooley and S. Frank Whidden, there were remarkable re-



REV. E. E. PHILLIPS.



MRS. E. E. PHILLIPS.

vivals. But perhaps the greatest revivals of all was in the forties, when a layman in the Reformed Church, Nathan Howes, came up the Cape and held meetings among the people. There have been



REV. J. F. THURSTON, Local Preacher.



MRS. GEO. W. STARBUCK, Epworth League President.

revivals here under the preaching of other pastors, and also through the efforts of men like Dunbar, Steele and the famous J. N. Maffit, who preached in this church some of his most powerful sermons. Rev. Joseph Marsh of Sandwich supplied this church many times. Masterful preaching was not without good results.

During the pastorate of Rev. J. F. Sheffield, a parsonage was bought at Bournedale—once North Sandwich—and moved to Sagamore. The whole cost amounted to about \$1,600. Rev. F. Gavitt first occupied it in 1866.

PASTORS.

At first this charge was joined with Sandwich, and the earliest records state:

1836. 1837. 1838. 1839-40. 1841-42. 1843. 1844. 1845. 1846-47. 1848. 1849. 1850-51. 1852-53. 1854-55.	Warren Emerson E. B. Bradford G. F. Pool Franklin Gavitt (then as a separate appointment). Thomas Ely Lewis Bates Left to be supplied. J. D. Butler G. H. Winchester B. L. Sayer	1866. 1867-69. 1870. 1871-72. 1873. 1874-75. 1876. 1877. 1878-79. 1880-81. 1882-83. 1884-85. 1886-87. 1888.	B. T. Bosworth John F. Sheffield F Gavitt S. Frank Whidden R. F. Macy H. B. Cady Philip Crandon A. N. Bodfish Charles E. Walker Heflin S. Smith Archibald McCord George H. Butler George H. Lamson Robert Clark Edward A. Lyon Hugh Copeland E. F. Newell
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PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—Calvin Crowell, William C. Gibbs, L. R. Leavitt, A. T. Rogers, Hiram Crowell, Isaac N. Keith.

Stewards—Calvin Crowell, William C. Gibbs, L. R. Leavitt, A. T. Rogers, Mrs. M. O. Leavitt, Mrs. H. M. Burgess, Mrs. H. R. Burgess, Mrs. Mary D. Packard, Mrs. George W. Starbuck, Mrs. Sarah P. Battles.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Pastor; Assistant Superintendent, Rev. J. F. Thurston; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. M. O. Leavitt; Librarian, George W. Starbuck.

Epworth League—President, Mrs. George W. Starbuck; First Vice-President, Mrs. Albert Holway; Second Vice-President, Miss Cora Thompson; Third Vice-President, Rev. J. F. Thurston; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Jennie F. Perkins; Secretary, Miss Ada Crowell; Treasurer, Miss Christine Crowell.

Local Preacher—J. F. Thurston, Bournedale.

M. E. CHURCH, SANDWICH, MASS.

Methodism in Sandwich is one hundred years old. Although Jesse Lee preached in the town in 1796, it was not until 1797 that the society was formed by Rev. Joshua Hall. The first meeting-house was dedicated October 25, 1828, by Rev. John Lindsey, and the pres-



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ent edifice was dedicated January 7, 1848, by Rev. Abel Stevens.

The early history of this old church is almost wholly a history of revivals, notable ones occurring during the pastorates of F. Upham,



REV. J. E. BLAKE.



MRS. GRACE A. BLAKE.

E. B. Bradford, C. H. Payne, W. T. Worth, John Livesey and S. M. Beale.

For the last few years business has declined, as it has in most of

the towns of Cape Cod, and Sandwich has lost twenty-five per cent. of her population, yet the church sounds no note of discouragement, and shows an increase of membership.



THE SANDWICH PARSONAGE.

PASTORS.

We must remember that for many years Sandwich belonged to a circuit; then there will be no confusion if the same names appear in other sketches beside the same dates.

1797-99.	Joshua Hall, Joseph	1809.	B. F. Lumbert
	Snelling, Epaphras	1810.	Stephen Bailey
	Kibby, and Reuben		
	Jones		Levi Nye
1800.	Daniel Fiddler	1813-14.	
1801.	Joshua Soule		
1802-5.	Daniel Fiddler, Solo-	Ü	Emory, Benjamin
J	mon Langden, Daniel		Hoit and Moses Fi-
	Bachelor, Joseph		field
	Snelling, Due Bur-	1817.	Benjamin Hoit and
	gess and Moses Cur-	•	
		1818-19.	Rev. Mr. Hazelton—
1806.	Nathan Ryder and		Barnstable was add-
	Erastus Otis		ed at this time
1807-8.	Thos. Asbury, Nathan	1820-22.	E. T. Taylor, F. Up-
Ť	Stearns, Joseph Snell-		ham and Rev. Mr.
	ing		Brown
Josep	oh Merrill, Falmouth, was	added to	the circuit at this time.
1823-24.	A. O. Sargent and Jon-		
. 5	athan Mayhew		dropped at this time
1825.			Enoch Bradley and Na-
	Hutchinson and I. N.		than B. Spaulding
	Maffit	1829.	
			Harlow

1830.	F. Upham and R. D. Esterbrook, assisted by Joseph Marsh, a talented local preacher, whose success was marvellous and who died at an advanced age, a member beloved of this church	1852. 1853-54. 1855-56. 1857. 1858-59.	Micah J. Talbot E. B. Bradford H. W. Houghton B. Otherman C. H. Payne N. P. Philbrook Nathaniel Bemis W. V. Morrison W. T. Worth
1831.	Joseph Steele	1866-67.	W. H. Starr
1832.	Joseph Steele, C. C.	1868.	Charles Young
	Noble and Joseph	1869.	Andrew J. Kenyon
	Marsh	1870-71.	A. W. Paige
1833.	John J. Bliss and J.	1872-74.	John Livesey
	Litch	1875-76.	Charles S. Nutter
1834.	George Stone	1877-78.	Eben Tirrell, Jr.
1835-36.	Henry Mayo	1879.	E. S. Fletcher
1837.	Henry M. Smith	1880-81.	Silas Sprouls
1838.	Samuel Phillips	1882-83.	J. Q. Adams
1839-40.	Warren Emerson	1884-86.	S. M. Beale
1841-42.	E. B. Bradford	1887-88.	O. A. Farley
1843.	George F. Pool	1889-90.	Robert Clark
1844.	Franklin Gavitt	1891-92.	R. J. Kellogg
1845-46.	Thomas Ely	1893-94.	G. W. Elmer
1847-48.	Robert M. Hatfield	1895.	C. N. Hinckley
1849-50.	James O. Butler	1896	John E. Blake



J. S. SMITH, Sunday School Superintendent.



H. L. CHIPMAN, Epworth League President.

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—John S. Smith, P. T. Brown, W. C. Chipman, Benjamin Irwin, F. A. Fisher, I. T. Jones, S. O. Ellis, F. W. Holway.

Stewards—John S. Smith, P. T. Brown, W. P. Chipman, H. L. Chipman, Benjamin Irwin, F. N. Holway, G. R. Fish, Russell Fish, C. H. Chappnil, C. H. Burgess, C. E. Hoxie, F. M. Tinkham.

Class Leaders-P. T. Brown, H. L. Chipman.

Church Officers—Sunday School Superintendent, John S. Smith; Epworth League President, Herbert L. Chipman.

M. E. CHURCH, SOMERSET, MASS.

The Somerset M. E. Church was born in a sail loft at the head of Burgess' Wharf. There Byron Norse held a protracted meeting in which many were converted. The new converts were organized into a church, and in November, 1842, A. D., a new edifice was dedicated as their church home. The first years were years of struggle with



THE SOMERSET CHURCH.

poverty and persecution. Yet Methodism held its ground, and in 1848, at the close of the successful pastorate of Father Nathan Paine, could claim forty members and five probationers.

In 1857, the fifteenth year of the society's history, the church was in a prosperous condition. The Sabbath School numbered 100, and large additions were made to the library. During the last six months of the Conference year 1858-59, the pulpit was supplied by C. H. Payne, now widely known as Secretary of the Board of Education. He conducted a glorious revival, in which many were added to the church.

In 1860 A. D., when the spirit of secession was rife in the South, twenty-one members and other families related withdrew from our congregation and formed the Congregational Church of this place. That year C. M. Alvord began his pastorate with only twenty-eight members. However, the congregation soon increased to sixty, and at the end of his two years' ministry they numbered seventy-five.

In 1871, the church, under the care of James H. Nutting, enjoyed a gracious revival, and became self-supporting.

In 1873, Oliver H. Fernald, pastor, the membership was eighty-



THE SOMERSET PARSONAGE.

eight and there were seventeen probationers. This year the "Somerset Religious and Humane Society," in whose name the church property was held, reorganized, so that there might be no dispute regarding its just title to both the land and the building. Then the work of remodeling the building began. It was lenthened twenty feet, making room for an organ gallery, covered with a new roof and a steeple added. The "Sewing Circle," placed in the church a beautiful sweet-toned pipe organ. cost of the improvements was \$6,721. The resurrected church was dedicated by Bishop Wiley January

1874. Two years later, by the aid of the Sewing Circle and the sale of the pews, the debt upon the church was cancelled.

In 1880 George H. Bates was appointed pastor. During his suc-

cessful pastorate the society enjoyed prosperity and the church was painted and improved. There were 77 members and two probationers at the close of his pastorate, April, 1882. James Tregaskis became pastor in 1884 and served the church three years. Within this time the church building was greatly improved on the inside, and when it was re-opened the finances were so well in hand that no collection was necessary. The membership suffered greatly by removals, thirty-one persons leaving the town in these three years. Since that time the church has never regained its former strength. Death and removals



REV. F. C. ANDERSON.

have made the society still weaker, so that at the present time there are only sixty members.

The Epworth League was organized during the pastorate of R. J.

Floody, but in a short time was suspended. It was re-organized in February, 1895, W. F. Taylor, pastor, and is now in a fairly prosperous condition. Recently it purchased a new piano for the vestry, and has now paid for it in full. Our League has proven a spiritual help to the church.

PASTORS.

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1842.	Byron Morse	1865.	B. K. Bosworth
1843.	Levi Daggett	1866.	George L. Westgate
1844.	E. W. Stickney	1867.	Samuel J. Carroll
1845.	Israel Washburn	1868.	Micah J. Talbot
1846.	John W. Chase	1869.	H. H. Smith
1847-48.	Nathan Paine	1870-71.	James H. Nutting
1849.	Charles Hammond	1872-74.	O. H. Fernald
1850.	Father Fillmore	1875.	Samuel M. Beale
1851.	O. Huse	1876-77.	E. M. Dunham
1852-53.	E. H. Hatfield	1878-79.	Charles E. Walker
1854.	W. H. Richards	1880-81.	George H. Bates
1855.	John Livesey	1882-83.	J. D. King
1856-57.	Franklin Gavitt	1884-86.	James Tregaskis
1858.	James Macreading and	1887-88.	J. N. Patterson
· ·	C. H. Payne (six	1889.	Frederick Corson
	months)	1890.	Albert Cameron
1859.	E. A. Lyon	1891.	L. H. Massey
1860-61.		1892.	R. J. Floody
1862-63.	William T. Worth	1893-96.	W. F. Taylor
1864.	C. S. Sanford	1897	F. C. Anderson



S. F. STAPLES.
Sunday School Superintendent.



MISS EVA WESTGATE. Epworth League President.

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Sunday School—Superintendent, S. F. Staples; Assistant Superintendent, Miss Jennie Bowers; Secretary and Treasurer, Arthur Marble; Pianist, Miss Gertrude Marble; Librarian, Forrest Simmons.

Teachers—Miss Jennie Bowers, F. C. Anderson, Miss Eva Westgate, Miss Jennie Eddy, Miss Emma Eddy, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Miss Gertrude Marble, Miss Sophia Marble, S. T. Staples.

Epworth League—President, Miss Eva Westgate; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. Ross; Second Vice-President, Miss Jennie E. Bowers; Third Vice-President, Miss Emma Eddy; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Jennie Eddy; Secretary, Allen B. Smith; Treasurer, Harry W. Simmons.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH CARVER, MASS.

Previous to 1831 meetings were held in the schoolhouse and private houses in the neighborhood. The first Methodist church in Carver was organized May 18, 1831, by Rev. L. D. Johnson under the title Reformed Methodist. The church was reorganized April 30, 1859, by Rev. S. Y. Wallace under the title Protestant-Methodist.



REV. E. A. HUNT.

The society continued as Protestant-Methodist until August 9, 1867, when it was reorganized again by Rev. Thomas Ely, Presiding Elder, as a Methodist-Episcopal church, and Rev. E. M. Dunham was appointed preacher in charge.

In the commencement of Methodism in Carver Charles Ryder, Ichabod Shurtleff and Thomas Maxim, trustees of the Reformed Methodist, led the movement in building the chapel at Huckleberry Corner, where the Methodists have worshipped for over fifty years. Charles Ryder was a class leader from the commencement of Methodism in Carvet Ryder was a class leader from the commencement of Methodism in Carvet Ryder was a class leader from the commencement of Methodism in Carvet Ryder was a class leader from the commencement of Methodism in Carvet Ryder, and Thomas Ryder, Icharles Ryder was a class leader from the commencement of Methodism in Carvet Ryder, Icharles Ryder, Ich

odism in Carver until the time of his death, which occurred August 2, 1886. He was a devoted Christian, an earnest worker, and did much in promoting the interests of the church.

All the pastors have labored faithfully. Those worthy of special mention are E. Williams, W. I. Ward, J. S. Fish and J. E. Duxbury. Revs. W. E. Manley and T. P. Fisher have entered the foreign mission fields. Here Rev. W. I. Ward found his wife who has made his life happy and useful.



SOUTH CARVER CHURCH.

NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT.

It had been the custom of the Methodists in this place to hold religious meetings in the hall at Furnace Village, about one and threefourth miles from the chapel. This work seemed to grow in importance. In 1893 it was thought best to make the work in that locality



CHAPEL AT FURNACE VILLAGE.

permanent, so an old store was leased and fitted up and dedicated to the service of the Lord on January 1, 1894. It was very soon found that this building was too small for the increasing congregations and for the Sunday School work. This state of affairs existed until a suitable lot was given by Hon. Peleg McFarlin, and the trustees erected the present building, which was dedicated Dec. 31, 1896, by Presiding Elder T. J. Everett. This building is of modern architecture, is very commodious and convenient, and altogether a suitable building for the worship of the Lord; situated in the centre of the vil-

lage of two hundred and eleven people, a large number of whom are young people and children.

PASTORS.

Elisha M. Dunham	1880.	J. B. Hamblen, Jr.
B. L. Sayer	1881.	C. Smith.
R. H. Dorr	1882-85.	E. A. Hunt
Paul Townsend	1886-88.	J. S. Fish
E. Williams	1889-90.	J. E. Duxbury
A. B. Bessey	1891.	W. E. Manley
W. I. Ward	1892.	T. P. Fisher
H. W. Hamblin	1893	- E. A. Hunt
	B. L. Sayer R. H. Dorr Paul Townsend E. Williams A. B. Bessey W. I. Ward	B. L. Sayer R. H. Dorr Paul Townsend E. Williams A. B. Bessey W. I. Ward 1881. 1882-85. 1886-88. 1889-90. 1891.

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—W. S. McFarlin, S. F. Atwood, H. C. Washburn, Jason B. McFarlin, J. Bradford McFarlin, C. H. Atwood, H. H. Gammons.

Stewards—S. E. Atwood, W. S. McFarlin, J. S. Hudson, H. C. Washburn, W. F. Stanley, G. W. Atwood, E. Dunham, J. T. McFarlin, C. H. Atwood, Mary Stanley, Julia Hudson, Harriet McFarlin, Sarah Andrews.

Class Leaders—S. F. Atwood, W. F. Stanley. Superintendents Sunday School—J. S. Hudson, W. F. Stanley.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH HARWICH, MASS.

What is now the South Harwich Methodist-Episcopal Church was for a number of years the Reformed Methodist Church, ministers of that denomination officiating for about ten years. In 1845 the



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church changed its name to that of Wesleyan Methodist, calling for their first pastor, Rev. James Wright, who was followed by Rev. John A. Gibson. Rev. Davis Lathrop, a Baptist minister, was for a few years employed to supply the pulpit. It appears that he was not very evangelical in his preaching and the members were not satisfied with the doctrines he preached; but there was connected

with the church what was known as "The Society." This consisted of the pew-holders. Many of these were in favor of continuing Mr. Lathrop as preacher. In view of the division it was deemed best to sell the house at public auction, which was done March 4, 1853. It

was bid in by a member of the church, who with others held the house for 'the use of the Wesleyans. The services of Mr. Lathrop were discontinued, and Rev. Samuel Palmer called as pastor. He served the church one year.

It was then decided to request a supply from the Methodist-



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Episcopal Conference, and Rev. Thomas Spilsted was accordingly appointed. Under him the present church organization was effected. August 31, 1854, the members were transferred from the Wesleyan Methodist to the Methodist-Episcopal Church. The next year the property was deeded, according to the provision of the discipline to the Methodist Episcopal Conference. This was during the pastorate

of Rev. Ezekiel Adams, who seems to have been earnest and successful in the undertaking.

The present pastorate has been blessed with a number of additions to the membership and many temporal improvements. The interior of the church has been completely changed in its appearance at a considerable outlay of money. A new barn has been built the present year.

A historical sketch of the church would be very incomplete without mention being made of the late Obed Nickerson, who was a mem-



REV. CHARLES SMITH.



WILLIAM F. SEARS. Sunday School Superintendent.

ber of the church for forty-one years, and in every way one of its most devoted and faithful stewards. Through his efforts Methodism is largely what it now is in this village.

PASTORS.

	Thomas Spilsted	1875.	V. W. Mattoon
	Ezekiel Adams	1876-77.	G. H. Lamson
1858-59.	George Burnham	1878-79.	J. T. Phelps
1860.	B. K. Bosworth	1880-81.	Merrick Ransom
1861-62.	Lemuel Harlow	1882-83.	J. Q. Adams
1863-64.	H. D. Robinson	1884-86.	J. S. Thomas
1865-66.	F. A. Loomis	1887.	F. D. Sargent
1867.	James Mather	1888-89.	E. S. Fletcher
1868-69.	Charles Hammond	1890-92.	R. M. Wilkins
1870-71.	Joseph Marsh	1893.	William Kirkby
1872-73.	S. P. Snow	1894.	N. B. Cook
1874.	Eben Tirrell	1895—	Charles Smith

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Official Board—W. M. Eldridge, A. S. Ellis, Thomas Small, W. F. Sears, Albert Crowell, J. W. Cahoon, E. E. Bassett, Hannah Eldridge, G. C. Doane.

Superintendent Sunday School-William F. Sears.

Epworth League—President, Rev. Charles Smith; First Vice-President, Wilber T. Crowell; Second Vice-President, W. F. Sears; Secretary, Miss Almena Eldridge; Treasurer, Mrs. Minnie R. Sears.

Junior League-Superintendent, Miss Tamson D. Eldridge; Presi-

dent, Miss Mary E. Smith.

M. E. CHURCH, EAST HARWICH, MASS.

This is one of the oldest Methodist Episcopal churches on Cape Cod. Jesse Lee, of historic fame, preached the first Methodist sermon in Harwich, some time before any regular services were held. A local



EAST HARWICH CHURCH.

preacher from down the Cape, by the name of Kenne, preached some here previous to 1797, when John Broadhead came and formed a class. The Lord blessed his labors to the good of the people and many, it is said, were converted to God. The first meeting-house was built in 1799. The prosperity of the society was such that in twelve years from the above date it

was found that their place of worship was too small, and the large and spacious one now in use was built. It was dedicated January I, 1812, the sermon on this occasion being preached by Benjamin F. Lombard. In 1848 the building was remodeled and repaired. After these improvements were completed, the church was rededicated, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Robert M. Hatfield, then stationed at Sandwich. In 1849 the church was blessed with an extensive revival, under the faithful labors of the Rev. Pardon T. Kenney.

The first Sabbath school is said to have been organized in he year 1845. For about twenty-five years the Sabbath school began in May and closed in the fall.

In its early history, the society was served by some of the most earnest workers in the Conference, whose labors resulted in adding to the membership of the church many who for years were faithful to the cause of Christ and His church. Nearly all the old members have entered the heavenly home; but others have come up to at least, in part, keep the work moving here. Owing to removals and losses in other ways, the congregation, membership and Sunday school are not large; yet regular services are maintained. For some years past it has been connected with South Harwich; this has proved a helpful union.

In April, 1896, some special services were held, and a number sought and found the Lord, most of whom have united with the church, increasing the number of members, and making the prospect for the future brighter.

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—Cyrenus Eldridge, Timothy K. Sterns, Frederick W. Nickerson, Heman F. Chase, Lorenzo D. Buck, Sparrow M. Young. Stewards—Cyrenus Eldridge, Timothy K. Sterns, Frederick W. Nickerson, Heman F. Chase, Lorenzo D. Buck, Sparrow M. Young, Mrs. Etta M. Chase, Sears L. Moore.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Timothy K. Sterns.

PASTORS SERVING AS EVANGELISTS.

REV. EDWIN F. JONES began his ministry in 1862 in the New York East Conference at Georgetown, Conn. In 1871 he was transferred to this Conference, and was stationed at North Dighton. Here he organized the famous "praying band" that became a strong evangelistic force. At Thames St. Church, Newport, he built the present chapel there. At Grace Church, Taunton, there were extensive improvements during his pastorate. But his chief power has been along spiritual lines. Blessed revivals have taken place in nearly all his pastorates. He is a very faithful pastor. As a preacher he is earnest and spiritual. As an evangelist he seldom fails. He is resourceful. His rule as a pastor has been never to stay longer than two years at a place. Rev. S. O. Benton, D. A. Jordan, M. J. Talbot, Ensign McChesney, D. A. Whedon and others commend him as an evangelist to our churches.



REV. EDWIN F. JONES.



REV. JAMES TREGASKIS.

REV. JAMES TREGASKIS began preaching in 1870 at Burlington, N. Y. (N. Y. E. Conf.). His first work in this Conference was at Jewett City in 1874, where a mighty revival took place, and as a result he organized and built the church there. Material improvements at Putnam, Somerset and Thompsonville were the results of his energetic labors. At the last named charge \$300 were spent in improvements and \$500 in debts cancelled. Also the general financial and spiritual condition of the church was excellent. Special work in revivals at Uncasville and Manchester was very successful. In fact, blessed revivals and spiritual awakening of churches have taken place at almost every charge. His sweet spirit, together with the help of his consecrated wife, have made his ministry a very helpful, harmonious and successful one. While pastor at Summerfield Church, Fall River, there were additions to the church at almost every communion. When there he published a paper of local interest to Fall River Methodists, entitled "The Methodist."

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

The history of the Methodist Episcopal Church in South Middle-boro begins during the year 1868. The first class was formed April 10, with S. D. Wilber as leader, a position he faithfully filled for many years.

Rev. J. G. Gammons was the organizer. Previous to the organ-



SOUTH MIDDLEBORO CHURCH.

ization into a Methodist-Episcopal church, the church here was a Reformed Methodist. Nearly all the members of this body became members of the M. E. church. The church building and parsonage and land belonging to the Reformed Methodist Church and Society have always been occupied and used for the benefit of the M. E. Church, although the property is not deeded in

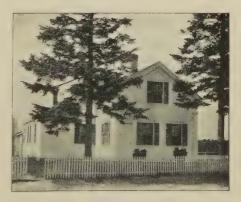
regular form to our church.

Back of the Reformed Methodist Church was a Baptist Church, of which we know almost nothing.

Miss Mary Ann Thomas says of the old Reformed Methodist Church: "I was born April 11, 1820. I saw my father and my eldest sister baptized by Rev. Pliny Brett, when I was not more than seven

years old. Elder Brett was a Reformed Methodist minister, who lived in Pocasset, Mass., and came to South Middleboro, where he "did much work."

"Elder Brett had done his work and gone before 1830." Rev. Uriah Miner came in 1830, and remained until the latter part of 1835. His successor is not known. "The Reverend Elijah Bailey was about here in those



SOUTH MIDDLEBORO PARSONAGE.

days of Reformed Methodism." Mention is also made of three Johnson brothers. Lorenzo D. Johnson's work resulted in a revival. He married a Miss Mary Burgess of the neighboring town of Roches-



REV. C. N. HINCKLEY.



MRS. EMMA GAMMONS. Recording Steward.

ter, Mass. Afterwards he joined the N. E. S. Conference, and died at Pocasset, where he was stationed.

Rev. Theophilus Brown came to South Middleboro in 1841 and



A. C. WILBER.
Sunday School Superintendent.



JAMES B. TRIPP. Epworth League President.

re-organized the Reformed Methodist Church in 1842. Mrs. Thomas and her father and sister joined it in June of that year, and she alone

remains to-day of all who were members at that time, having been a member of that church and its successor for fifty-five years.

Since the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, special mention is made of the pastorate of Rev. Philip Crandon. In 1874 the church was re-modeled, and a vestry added. Deep spiritual interest was also aroused. Rev. Thomas Harrison came to the assistance of the pastor. "An unusual revival swept throughout the community," and some of the fruit still remains. But during the revival Mr. Crandon was taken sick and died, a martyr to his zeal for the salvation of the people. Honorable mention is also made of Rev. Isaac Sherman and Rev. E. A. Hunt. Rev. Mr. Hunt served the church five years. He organized the Hunt Chapter of the Epworth League, and superintended extensive repairs on the inside of the church. Also graded the lawn and formed an association known as the "Cemetery Association," greatly to the improvement of the cemetery.

PASTORS.

1868.	J. G. Gammons	1882-84.	S. P. Snow
1869.	Isaac B. Forbes	1885.	J. Livesey
1870-72.	Benjamin L. Sayer	1886-90.	E. A. Hunt
1873.	John W. Price	1891-92.	J. A. Wood
1874-75.	Philip Crandon	1893-95.	J. S. Thomas
1876-77.	Charles Stokes	1896.	C. A. Purdy
1878-80.	Isaac Sherman	1897	C. N. Hinckley
1881.	O. R. Higgins	~ ~	*

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

On the Board of Stewards are the names of Abiel Fuller and Nathaniel Shurtleff, one 93, and the other 85. Other names are S. D. Wilber, H. K. Ryder, E. H. Gammons, A. C. Wilber, A. E. Thomas, J. B. Tripp, Lucy Le Baron and Emma J. Gammons (R. S.). Mrs. Gammons has been R. S. for ten years, Assistant Superintendent of Sunday school eight years, President of Ladies' Aid Society and W. C. T. U.

Sunday School—Superintendent, A. C. Wilber; Assistant Superintendent, A. E. Thomas; Treasurer, J. B. Tripp; Secretary, A. E. Thomas; Librarian, Charles Gammons; Organist, Annie Gammons.

Epworth League—President, James B. Tripp; First Vice-President, Henry W. Ryder; Second Vice-President, Carrie Shaw; Third Vice-President, Florence Thomas; Fourth Vice-President, Jennie M. Gammons; Secretary, Viretta F. Shaw; Treasurer, E. H. Gammons.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH SOMERSET, MASS.

Upon an eminence which overlooks Fall River, a city of one hundred thousand inhabitants, and the largest cotton manufacturing centre on this continent, the beautiful Mount Hope Bay, and the picturesque Taunton Great River, the parsonage and present house of worship of the First Methodist Episcopal Society of Somerset stand.

This society has an illustrious history. The present century had



SOUTH SOMERSET CHURCH,

hardly dawned when that pioneer of Methodism, Rev. Joseph Snelling, at that time stationed on the Warren circuit, formed a class of seven members at the home of Nathaniel Lewin in Swansea. A little later, upon invitation of Mr. John Wilbur, one of its members. Mr. Snelling conducted religious services his house in South Somerset. This was

the beginning of the preaching of the gospel according to Methodism in this place. And until a church was built, meetings were regularly held at Mr. Wilbur's house, which was always freely opened to all Methodists.

The soil proved so fruitful that in March, 1802, a society was permanently organized. Captain James Sherman, afterwards licensed a

local preacher, Nathan Lewin, Diana Lewin, Sarah Lewin, Gardner and Israel Anthony were its original members. The first person added to this newly organized church was Mr. John Brayton, a man whose qualities of mind and heart were such as to well merit another's characterization as "one of the most useful and influential members of the little flock."



SOUTH SOMERSET PARSONAGE.

During the pastorate of Rev. Alexander M. Lane on Bristol Circuit in 1804, and through the liberality of Captain William Read, who gave the land, Mr. Brayton, Dr. Winslow of Swansea and other friends, a church was built on the site occupied by the present edifice. This was the second Methodist church built in Bristol county.

In 1805 Somerset for the first time is reported in the minutes. The total membership, including Bristol and Warren, with which it was connected, is given as 125. At various times in its early history this society was also associated with Newport, Providence, Greenwich, and a little later Mansfield and Dighton.

One of the original members of this church, Israel Anthony,



REV. E. W. ELDRIDGE.



MRS. E. W. ELDRIDGE.

moved with his family to North Dighton in 1814. Through his influence a Methodist church was soon after formed at that place. In 1825 Rev. Heman Perry, stationed at Somerset, instituted regular preaching services and organized a class in Fall River. While Rev. George Carpenter was pastor in 1841 sixty-nine were converted in a revival at Somerset Village, forty of whom were formed into a class which subsequently became the Second Methodist Episcopal Church. Thus from the loins of this society the Methodist Episcopal churches on both sides of Taunton river from its mouth to its source sprang.

Among the many notable pioneer ministers of Methodism who have preached in the old church are Lorenzo Dow, Freeborn Garrettson and Bishop Francis Asbury.

Rev. Edward B. Hinckley was appointed to this church in 1849. That year a new, more modern and convenient house of worship was built in place of the old one. Rev. Daniel Wise of Fall River preached the dedicatory sermon.

Land adjoining the lot on which the church was situated was bought for a merely nominal sum in 1860. A pleasant and commodious parsonage was built thereon, Rev. Joseph Baker, the pastor, aiding materially in the work.

The church was altered and improved at an outlay of over one thousand dollars in 1870; Rev. Edwin L. Hyde, pastor. Rededication services were held Nov. 2. The next day lightning struck the church, necessitating an outlay of over five hundred dollars to repair damages. In March, 1889, this church was entirely destroyed by fire. Under the leadership of Rev. John A. Rood this undaunted and heroic people determined to rebuild, and on December 5 of the same year the present



CHARLES W. ANTHONY, Secretary Board of Trustees.



A. W. WEAVER, Epworth League President.

beautiful and convenient house of worship was dedicated. The dedication of this church free of debt was made possible to this society, after their own self-sacrificing efforts, through the generous gifts of children of Mrs. Israel Brayton, who was in her life a member of this church, a kind-hearted, thoughtful, hospitable and most generous woman.

During the pastorate of Rev. Louis M. Flocken an Epworth League was organized. Mr. A. W. Weaver, its president, is a young man, one of the most successful farmers in town, full of energy, ever alert to the interests of the church, and a loyal helper in all its undertakings.

In the earlier records of this church one finds the name of Job Gardner, a loyal Methodist and staunch supporter of the church. His son, the Hon. Job Gardner, has served as Superintendent of the Sunday School for upwards of forty years, and though over 70 years of

age is so fertile in plans and up-to-date in methods as to give evidence that he is far from crossing the dead line.

Great credit is due Mr. William G. Pearse, senior member of the well-known firm of W. G. Pearse & Co., Agricultural Implements,



WILLIAM G. PEARSE, Recording Secretary Board of Trustes.



HON. DANIEL WILBUR, President Board of Trustees.

Seeds, Hardware, etc., of Fall River. Mr. Pearse joined this church in 1886, during the pastorate of Rev. W. I. Ward. Into his religious life he puts the same intelligence and force as that with which his busi-



HON. DANIEL WILBUR (deceased), Former President Board of Trustees.



GEORGE REED (deceased).

ness was builded. As Recording Steward and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees he aids by his wise counsels and generous gifts in the management of the finances as well as the other interests of the church.

In June, 1896, this society met with a greatloss in the death of the Hon. Daniel Wilbur, for thirty years president of the Board of Trustees. His decease was followed by that of his wife six weeks later. Both were generous helpers in the church. Mr. Wilbur's son, Daniel Wilbur, Jr., a man of high esteem throughout the community, succeeded his father in the Presidency of the Board.

In February, 1897, Mr. George Read, for upwards of thirty years



HON. JOB GARDNER. Sunday School Superintendent.

a staunch supporter and generous giver to the church of which he was a member, passed on to his reward above. He was for many years Secretary of the Board of Trustees. His father was Captain William Read, one of the early promoters of this society.

Mr. Charles W. Anthony, whose ancestors were connected with this church, himself a lifelong Methodist, generous, consecrated and true, is the present Secretary of the Board.

Besides the Sunday School and Epworth League, there is a Ladies' Aid Society, which has rendered material help in times past. Miss Rhoda Dur-

fce is the President.

In April, 1897, through the generosity of the Hon. John Summerfield Brayton, LL. D., of Fall River, grandson of Mr. John Brayton, one of the founders of this church, a carefully selected library of over one hundred and fifty volumes of recent and valuable Biblical and Theological works was placed in the parsonage for the use of the pastors. These works were written by eminent authorities, and must be of great value for years to come.

Many other names worthy of special mention are found connected with the history of this church. But in the efforts to condense nearly one hundred years of remarkable church history into space allowed by publishers many things and persons must necessarily be omitted.

The religious life of this church is characterized not by noisy demonstrations, but by cheerful loyalty to the highest convictions of truth and duty, thoughtful and conscientious study of the right and steadfast following it. Throughout its long history its present members are confident that God has lead this people, and with the heroic and self-sacrificing spirit which animated their fathers they still plan for and expect great things of God. Within a year past over \$200 has

been expended in parsonage furnishings and improvements. During the present pastorate accessions have been reported by probation or letter at nearly every Quarterly Conference. The church property is entirely free from debt. Encouraged by the past, strong in the present consciousness of the Divine Presence, this "church on the hill" looks hopefully toward the future determining to be a beacon light, strong and clear, to souls journeying in the path of God.

PASTORS.

1800.	Joseph Snelling	1834-35.	None
1801.	John Finnegan and Daniel Fiddler		Isaac Bonney and Le-
1802.	Reuben Hubbard, Caleb	1838.	Roy Sunderland S. W. Wilson and
	Morris, Alexander	3	Wareham Campbell
	Cobb	1839.	J. T. Sturtevant
1803-4.	Alexander McLane	1840.	William B. Simmons
1805-6.	Joseph Snelling	1841.	George Carpenter
1807.	Joshua Crowell	1842.	Levi Daggett, Jr
1808-9.	Levi Walker	1843.	Ezekiel W. Stickney
1810.	John Lindsey	1844.	Micah J. Talbot
1811.	Thomas Asbury	1845.	Benjamin L. Sayer
1812-13.	Artemas Stebbins	1846.	John W. Case
1814.	Edward Hyde and	17	John E. Gifford
	William Marsh	1848.	
1815.	Benjamin R. Hoyt and	1849.	Edward B. Hinckley
	J. Walker	1850.	James M. Worcester
1816.	Richard Emery	1851-52.	Lawton Cady
1817.	Nathan Paine	1853-54.	Ormando N. Brooks
1818.	Isaac Jennison and E.	1855.	J. N. Collier
	Streeter	1856.	John Livesey
1819.	Isaac Bonney	1857-58.	Varnum A. Cooper
1820-21.	Thomas W. Tucker	1859.	C. Collard Adams
1822-23.	Benjamin Hazleton	1860-61.	Joseph Baker
1824.	Ebenezer Blake	1862-64.	Henry H. Smith
1825.	Heman Perry	1865-67.	William Penn Hyde
1826.	Charles Virgin and N.	1868-70.	Edward L. Hyde
	B. Spaulding	1871-72.	C. S. Morse
1827-28.	David Culver	1873-75.	George H. Lamson
1829.	N. S. Spaulding and		George W. Wright
7920	Robert Gould Nathan Paine and H.	1878. 1879-81.	S. Hamilton Day E. Tirrell
1830.	Walker	1882-84.	John Livesey
1831.	F. Dane and H. Wal-	1885.	William I. Ward
1031.	den	1886-89.	John A. Rood
1832.	Warren Emerson and		Orville A. Farley
		1892-95.	Louis M. Flocken
п833.	James Bicknell	1896—	Ernest W. Eldridge

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Sunday School—Superintendent, Job Gardner; Assistant Superintendent, A. W. Weaver; Secretary, Emma Read; Treasurer, Fred Clarner; Librarian, A. W. Weaver; Assistant, Mrs. A. W. Weaver; Organist, Alice Bosworth.

Epworth League—President, A. W. Weaver; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. A. W. Weaver, Amelia G. Read, Mrs. E. W. Eldridge, Mary Astle; Secretary, Mary E. Anthony; Treasurer, Emma Read.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH TRURO, MASS.

There is no record of the founding of the church in South Truro to be found at the present time. The date assigned is a matter of inference. From reliable sources it is safe to say that the church was



SOUTH TRURO CHURCH.

built and the first society organized not later than 1794. It is probable that the intention was to build the first meeting-house in Provincetown, but the movement met such violent hostility, that those interested decided to build in Truro for the mutual accommodation of Provincetown, Truro and Wellfleet.

The statement that the church in South Truro was the second Methodist church built in New England is well established.

Jesse Rich, the great grandfather of Thomas Rich and Miss Hannah Cobb, now members of the church, gave a site of half an acre of land for this meeting-house, which was made of rough lumber and unplastered.

The pews were benches made of planks. It is said for years, the swallows flew in and out at pleasure, and building their nests upon the rough beams, fed their young during Divine service.

For some reason unknown to the residents of the parish now, the members of this first society decided to build farther north, and the church at the Centre was built in 1827. But it never was their vine and fig-tree; and feeling that they did not have their rights, the people



SOUTH TRURO CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

at the South became dissatisfied. In one of the meetings, the relation became so strained that the meeting broke up in great disorder.

Before another quarterly meeting Elisha Newcombe, Freeman Cobb, Nehemiah Rich, Sears Rich and others met in the house of Elisha Newcombe and organized "The Second Methodist Society in Truro," August 29th, 1829.

Instead of returning to the first meeting-house erected, they built a new building, 33x44 feet, with galleries on three sides, and dedicated it December 15, 1831, Rev. Benjamin F. Lombard, P. E., preaching the sermon.

Rev. Benjamin Keith was very active, and aided by his influence the completion of the work. When ill health compelled him to locate, he made Truro his home, and a marble slab marks his resting place in the cemetery, perhaps on the very site of the original meetinghouse. "In 1851, when the town was at the height of prosperity, the society had outgrown their house of 1831, and the present graceful and attractive building, most eligibly situated westward of the old site, was built."

It stands on one of the sand hills which Hector, the last slave sold



HANNAH S. COBB, Sunday School Superintendent.

in Truro, knew so well through his long, lonely and unloved life, which began a century and a quarter before the foundations of the church were laid. He is said, as he walked or drove to the fields, to have prayed audibly and realized in the simplicity of his faith that there is a "daysman."

Methodism came to Truro, bearing record of the Word of God and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, to proclaim that there is a "daysman betwixt us," and liberty to hundreds of captives.

The society now is only a rapidly retreating "shadow of its former self."

It is pathetic beyond description to count on the records only twenty-

eight members, thirteen of whom are non-residents, to stand in the old pulpit, and to look at the walls and ceilings which in former days have echoed the prayers and praises of God's children, as they gathered in crowds, but which now are broken and fallen, unable to stand longer the winds that have strained their timbers for nearly half a century.

The noble sons and daughters of a King within the bounds of the parish have long since gone to other fields to seek their fortunes, or one after another, have laid down their oars to step upon the banks of the great river in their Heavenly home.

PASTORS.

During the period of 1794-1810 Truro was a circuit appointment. There is no mention of Truro in the General Minutes until 1811.

From the life of Rev. Joseph Snelling, written by himself, it is evident that he labored in Truro as an exhorter in 1795 and as preacher in 1796.

1811.	Joseph A. Merrill	1827-28.	The people worshipped
1812.	Robert Arnold	•	in the new church at
1813-26.	During this period also		the Centre.
	there is no mention	1829-30.	A. Holway
	of Truro in the min-	1831-32.	Benjamin Keith
	utes.		Joseph B. Brown

1835-38.	Thomas Dodge	1858-59.	Josiah C. Allen
1839-40.	Joel Steele	1860.	A. Latham
1841.	James Bicknell	1861.	Seth B. Chase
1842-43.	Henry H. Smith	1862-63.	George S. Alexander
1844-45.	Lozien Pierce	1864-65.	E. M. Anthony
1846-47.	William Leonard	1866.	L. W. Bowdish
1848-49.	Adin H. Newton	1867-69.	Benjamin L. Sayer
1850.	Ira M. Bidwell was ap-	1870.	S. F. Whidden
	pointed, but meeting	1871.	W. T. Miller
	with an accident on	1872-73.	George S. Macomber
	the cars, he was un-	1874-75.	George H. Butler
	able to take the work	1876-78.	V. W. Mattoon
	and Adin H. Newton	1879.	C. N. Hinckley
	supplied	1880-82.	J. S. Fish
1851.	Anthony Palmer	1883-85.	Charles T. Hatch
1852-53.	William Kellen		John Q. Adams
1854-55.	William Leonard	1889.	J. S. Bell
1856-57.	F. A. Loomis	1890-94.	John S. Fish

Mr. Fish remained on this charge until November 4, 1894, "When on the morn of that Sabbath he left the lower sanctuary where he had so many years officiated, and entered upon the eternal Sabbath and bowed lowly in the upper sanctuary before Him who sitteth on the great white throne.

1894-95. Jason F. Thurston sup- 1896. W. D. Wilkinson plied six months. 1897— F. L. Brooks

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Trustees—Thomas S. Rich, Joseph S. Cole, Jessie A. Cobb, Silas Ryder, Jessie A. Rich, Mary Stocker.

Stewards—Thomas S. Rich, Joseph S. Cole, Jessie Rich, Mercy Cobb, Hannah S. Cobb, Marietta G. Rich, Mary E. Stocker.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer, Hannah S. Cobb; Librarian, Mercy S. Cobb.

Teachers—Thomas S. Rich, Marietta G. Rich.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH YARMOUTH, MASS.

The old church formerly stood southeast of the village near the Silas Baker homestead. Little is known of its history. Of a number of pastors Rev. Lewis B. Bates, D. D., and Rev. G. W. Stearns, D. D., are most widely known. The church now standing in the centre of the village was erected in 1852.

The pastorates most memorable for revivals are those of Rev.



SOUTH YARMOUTH CHURCH.

Henry Aston, Rev. C. Hammond and Rev. W. L. Phillips. During Mr. Hammond's ministry the present parsonage was purchased. "Taylor Chapel," the gift of Mr. Elisha Taylor, was built in 1884.

PASTORS.

1853.	Henry Aston	1877.	W. F. Steele
1855.	James M. Worcester	1878.	G. E. Fuller
1856.	Lemuel Harlow	1879-80.	A. McCord
1857.	Edward B. Hinckley	1881-83.	E. Williams
	William E. Sheldon	1883-84.	G. W. Wright
1859.	Lawton Cady	1885.	S. H. Day and J. H.
1860-61.	B. L. Sayer	· ·	George
1862-63.	F. A. Loomis	1886.	W. P. Arbuckle
1864.	Joseph Gurney	1887.	W. E. Kugler
1865-67.	C. Hammond	1888-89.	G. E. Dunbar
1868.	L. Bowdish	1890-91.	S. K. Arbuthnot
1869-70.	W. F. Farrington	1892.	W. D. Wilkinson
1871.	S. F. Whidden and	1893.	E. E. Marshall
	W. F. Whitcher	1894-95.	E. W. Eldridge
1874-76.	W. L. Phillips	1896	G. W. Tupper

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Class Leader—Joseph Crowell. Organist—Mrs. A. C. White. Sexton-G. H. Loring.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Pastor; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Ezra D. Kelley; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Lottie Kelley; Librarian, Miss Melva Wood.

Teachers—Captain G. H. Loring, Captain L. Baker, Mrs. I. P. F. Farris, Mrs. Joseph Crowell, Mrs. E. T. Baker, Mrs. Seth Kelley, Mrs. Ezra D. Kelley, Miss Fannie Haffords.



G. H. LORING, President Board of Trustees.



J. CROWELL, Twenty years Class Leader.



ELISHA TAYLOR. Donator of Taylor Chapel.



M. H. CROWELL, Recording Secretary.

TAUNTON METHODIST SOCIAL UNION.

By Rev. C. A. Stenhouse.

Sociability is next in importance to spiritualty in the church. It sometimes happens, however, that while sociability exists in the indiidual church, that church may fail to be sociable with neighboring churches; so that there may be narrowness even in the sphere of sociability. The "Union" solves this problem. Taunton has a flourishing union which has done much to create the connectional and fraternal feeling which happily exists between the Methodist churches in the city and its vicinity. At an official meeting in Central Church during the latter part of 1891 a committee of three, namely, Ezra Hamlen,







J. F. MONTGOMERY.

C. H. LINCOLN.

W. M. DUNBAR.

Andre S. Rounds and Willis H. Waitt, were appointed to see what could be done about forming a Methodist Social Union. March 28, 1892, that committee made its report.

It appears from the records of the Social Union that an informal meeting of representatives from all the church and all the Epworth League chapters of the city was held at the residence of Mr. Ezra Hamlen, Somerset Avenue, on the evening of March 19, 1892.

It was resolved, on motion of Rev. A. W. Kingsley, then pastor of Central Church, to recommend the forming of a social union. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution, etc., and report at another meeting in the same place, March 26, 1892. That committee was as follows: Ezra Hamlen of the Central Church, M. A. Dary of the First Church, J. E. Blake of Grace Church and Rev. J. S. Bell of Tremont Street Church. The constitution was adopted at a meeting held in the First Church, May 2, 1892. All the churches were represented at this meeting, and the organization was effected as follows: President, Marcus A. Dary (First Church); First Vice-President, Amasa E. Blake (Grace); Second Vice-President, Eli H. Eld-

ridge (Central); Secretary, Elizabeth J. Whiting (Grace); Corresponding Secretary, George W. Barrows (First); Treasurer, Walter M. Dunbar (Central); Directors, Luther B. West, Mrs. Cora Brownell, Ezra Hamlen, Walter L. Park, Mrs. J. F. Montgomery. The first banquet and accompanying feast of intellectual things was given in the Central church June 20, 1892. The Rev. Charles Parkhurst, D. D., editor of Zion's Herald, gave the address of the evening, on "Three Constituent Qualities of Methodism." It was an able and comprehensive view of successful Methodism for which the Union expressed its thanks by a rising vote.

Opening thus auspiciously, the Union has enjoyed every year its four meetings in February, May, September and November, occurring in rotation in the First, Grace and Central churches. Its membership has doubled and its success in making members of the different churches know each other better has resulted in an increased spiritual interest between them. Union meetings for religious awakening have been suggested by the Union and successfully attempted by the churches. During the past summer two of the churches held union services four Sundays in August. Two services were held in each church. This idea emanated from laymen who are prominent in the "Union." The president is elected annually; only one violation of this law has occurred and that was in the case of the second one elected. He did so well in his office that the law was suspended. Hence there have been four presidents, as follows: M. A. Dary, W. M. Dunbar, J. F. Montgomery and C. H. Lincoln. These were taken from First, Central and Grace churches; the fourth president begins the rotation again. This is the law.

The secretaries have been Elizabeth J. Whiting and Walter L. Park, each one year, and the present incumbent, Augusta M. West.

The invited speakers have been, besides members: Rev. C. Parkhurst, D. D., Rev. W. N. Brodbeck, D. D., Bishop R. S. Foster, D. D., Rev. L. B. Bates, D. D., Rev. F. D. Blakeslee, D.D., Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., Prof. H. G. Mitchell, Rev. C. M. Melden, Rev. E. M. Taylor, Rev. C. L. Goodell, Rev. T. J. Everett and Rev. F. E. E. Hamilton, Rev. J. D. Pickles, Ph. D., Rev. C. W. Holden, Rev. C. M. Melden, Ph. D., Prof. W. T. Mowry.

The members of the Union at the close of the June, 1892, meeting were: Revs. A. W. Kingsley, G. W. King, E. F. Clark, J. W. Willett, J. E. Blake, Messrs. M. A. Dary, W. H. Phillips, E. H. Eldridge, L. B. West, E. S. Young, W. M. Dunbar, E. Hamlen, S. Miller, J. L. Merigold, W. B. Ashley, W. F. Bodfish, A. Dix, A. E. Blake, E. F. Morton, H. Wood, C. F. Luther, G. W. Barrows, W. L. Park, G. T. Fisher, J. F. Brownell, J. S. Cummings, G. T. Davis, C. H. Lincoln,

J. F. Montgomery, J. L. Presbrey, W. E. Walker, E. W. Wilson, W. D. Richardson, Mrs.:—W. H. Phillips, T. W. Coombs, E. H. Eldridge, L. B. West, C. L. Chick, W. H. Field, W. M. Dunbar, E. Hamlen, W. F. Bodfish, J. F. Brownell, G. W. Barrows, J. S. Cummings, M. A. Dary, G. T. Davis, R. G. Ellis, Rev. G. W. King, C. H. Lincoln, S. Miller, J. F. Montgomery, G. E. Paull, W. L. Park, E. P. Staples, Rev. J. W. Willett, W. E. Walker, W. D. Richardson, Misses M. L. Bicknell, N. B. Drew, M. E. Pye, E. G. Parker, M. A. Sprague, E. J. Whiting.

The executive committee consists of all the officers and five directors. The directors for 1897 are as follows: Miss Ida G. Barrows (First), H. B. Buffinton and C. F. Luther (Grace), Miss Mary E. Pye and I. Alfred Messenger (Central). Two members, the Rev. J. W. Willett and Miss Mary E. Pye, have deceased during August, 1897. Appropriate resolutions have been published by the Union.

M. E. CHURCH, NORTH HARWICH, MASS.

The church building was built by William Ryder, James Baker, Henry Kelley, and Nathan Foster, in the year 1842, for a Reformed Methodist Church, and in about ten years it was changed to Wesleyan Methodist; then, in a few years, to Methodist-Episcopal Church.

There are only two of the first members living—Mrs. Betsey Bassett and Mrs. Rhoda Baker.

Reform Methodist Preachers—Rev. Moses H. Swift, Rev. Harry Herris, Rev. Presbury Clark and Rev. Nathan Clark.

M. E. Pastors—Rev. Moses Brown, Rev. Mr. Dixon, Rev. Mr. Pierson, Rev. Francis A. Loomis, Mr. J. T. Smalley, Rev. Davis Lothrop, Rev. George E. Dunbar, Rev. N. W. Everett, Rev. J. G. Gammons and Rev. J. T. Docking.

CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH, TAUNTON, MASS.

The history of this church begins with the year 1852, when social meetings were held in Bank Hall, corner of Cedar and Main Streets, by a few members of the First Church, Weir Village, who lived near the centre of the city called "The Green," and who found the "Weir" too far away, and who also thought very wisely that a



CENTRAL CHURCH, TAUNTON.

strategic point like the Centre should be seized for Methodism. Their judgment was soon vindicated. After several business meetings in the shop of William Hutchinson, 6 Main Street, a lot was purchased on Cohannet Street and a building committee appointed. Subscriptions were solicited by William Hutchinson, chairman of the committee, to whom the final success of the enterprise was mainly attributed. In the spring of 1853 Rev. W. H. Stetson became the pastor of this church of 13 members by Conference appointment. Of the original 13 only one member remains on the roll of membership—Mrs. Mary B. King, wife of Mr. Job King, who recently

retired from the Mason machine shops, after more than fifty years service. On the first Sunday Mr. Stetson organized a Sunday School of fifty members in Templar Hall, with G. O. White as superintendent. Early in this year the Whittenton Society disbanded and its members united with Central Church, increasing thereby the latter's membership to thirty. It was still in the spring of 1853 when the building of the new church was put under contract. The work was pushed rapidly, and early in the fall the vestry was occupied. The crowds that attended and the presence of the Holy Spirit both attested that God favored the undertaking. Rev. C. H. Titus was appointed the next year, 1854. The building was completed and dedicated in May, Rev. J. T. Peck, D. D., afterwards Bishop, preaching the sermon. Pews were sold to the amount of \$2,200, leaving a debt of \$4,000. The records show that the Sunday School now numbered 158. The membership of the church continued to increase. In 1855 Rev. H. C. Atwater, the pastor, found sixty-three members

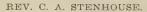
and nineteen probationers, and left at the end of the year seventy-four members and twenty-three probationers. Rev. S. F. Upham, now a professor in Drew Theological Seminary, increased the membership the following two years to 110 members and thirteen probationers.



CENTRAL CHURCH PARSONAGE.

At this time the Central had nearly reached the mother church both in point of numbers and in ability, as the Conference minutes show. There was a difference of only one in total membership and of only fifty dollars in salary paid. The debt gradually decreased, for the







MRS. C. A. STENHOUSE.

pew rentals were used by the trustees for its liquidation. But in 1863, when Rev. Frederick Upham, father of Rev. S. F. Upham, became pastor here, he found a debt of \$2,200, and by an extraordinary effort reduced it to \$600. By the continuous revivals and steady

growth of the church in membership under the leadership of such men as Revs. J. A. M. Chapman, J. W. Willett, H. D. Robinson, Alexander Anderson and A. P. Palmer, it finally became necessary to



B. H. SCUDDER, Sunday School Superintendent.



L. L. MITCHELL, Epworth League President.

enlarge the church edifice, which was done in 1876 during the pastorate of Rev. O. H. Fernald. The eastern end of the building was extended, vestibules and stairways changed and improved and an organ alcove made at the side of the pulpit, the whole being done at



J. W. THAYER,
President Board of Trustees.



EZRA HAMLEN, Treasurer Board of Trustees.

an outlay of about \$2,300. Fifty persons were taken on probation. Rev. J. E. Hawkins, the next pastor, saw quite an extensive revival and left a net increase in the membership of fifty-two.

In 1881 Rev. Edward Edson began his work. He saw over fifty conversions, an old debt of \$700 paid, and a lot for a new parsonage bought at a cost of \$1,250 during his three years of service. The Rev. G. W. Hunt was appointed pastor in 1884. The church prospered. During his three years there were ninety additions to the church, but a necessary pruning of the rolls left a net gain of only sixteen. A new parsonage was erected at a cost of \$4,300, including the lot on Myrtle Street. The first lot was sold, having become unsuitable owing to the erection of cotton sheds on the adjoining lot. A mortgage of \$2,600 remained on the parsonage. The next year, 1885, improvements on the church edifice were accomplished at a cost of \$4,400, all of which was provided for by subscriptions. The edifice was now in splendid condition, with a seating capacity of about



A. J. DUNBAR, Local Preacher.



A. S. ROUNDS.

600, and all the requirements for church work. Bishop R. S. Foster preached the reopening sermon, October 11, 1885, and Rev. Dr. S. F. Upham preached in the evening. Gains continued; 105 additions were made during the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Smith.

The Worcester Street Mission, now Tremont Street (Oakland), took organized form with a stationed preacher. Twenty-eight members and seven probationers were dismissed from Central to unite with it. In the organization of Grace Church also several members were furnished, so that with all its gains, Central has not reached in net membership the place its many additions warranted. Rev. A. W. Kingsley, like eight of his predecessors, enjoyed a three years' pastorate, during which advances were made in benevolences and in pastor's salary, and a new piano was purchased by the Epworth

League. This church has been noted during its history for the respect and deference paid its pastors, and the latter have parted from this cordial and harmonious people with regret. The present pastor, Rev. C. A. Stenhouse, appointed in April, 1893, is closing the fifth year in that spirit. The hard financial conditions throughout the country have prevented any marked material progress, yet many improvements on the church and in the furnishings of the parsonage have been made. The present membership is 267, with several probationers.

PASTORS.

1853.	W. H. Stetson	1867-68.	H. D. Robinson
1854.	C. H. Titus	1869-71.	A. Anderson
1855.	H. C. Atwater	1872-74.	A. P. Palmer
1856-57.	S. F. Upham	1875-77.	O. H. Fernald
1858.	J. A. M. Chapman	1878-80.	J. E. Hawkins
1859.	James Mather	1881-83.	Edward Edson
1860-61.	John Howson	1884-86.	G. W. Hunt
1862.	E. H. Hatfield	1887-89.	W. J. Smith
1863-65.	Frederick Upham	1890-92.	A. W. Kingsley
1866.	J. W. Willett	1893—	C. A. Stenhouse

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Treasurer—Andre S. Rounds.

Class Leaders—Ezra Hamlen, W. H. Waitt, B. H. Scudder, T. O. Sherman.

Local Preacher—Andrew J. Dunbar.

Sunday School—Superintendent, B. H. Scudder; First Assistant, T. O. Sherman; Second Assistant, Lillian Lincoln; Secretary and Treasurer, J. A. Mitchell; Assistant Secretary, C. E. Redfern; Librarian, C. E. Drinkwater; First Assistant, L. M. Gammons; Second Assistant, Clifford Davis; Third Assistant, Clarence Gammons; Chorister, C. E. Drinkwater; Pianist, Clara Clark; Secretary Sunday School Board, Lillian Lincoln; Sunday School Committee, O. L. Baker, N. Smellie, E. W. Cobb, Lena I. Baker, Adelaide W. Crannage, Emily Stoddard, G. T. Davis, Elizabeth Codding, Hannah E. Willett; Teachers, Josephine D. Southwick, Mary A. Baker, Lena Lewis, Lena Baker, Ezra Hamlen, Clara Clark, Annie B. Dickerman, Mary A. Scudder, Lucy W. Grinnell, Lilla R. Clayton, Eliza C. Strang, Rachel A. Stenhouse, Henrietta E. Davis, Thomas W. Smith, Lewis L.

Mitchell, Mary M. Cushing, Maria E. Farrington, Thomas O. Sherman, John W. Thayer, Benjamin W. Scudder, Carrie D. Thrasher, Andre S. Rounds, Hannah C. Mowry, Jennie Smith, Hattie Bonner, Belle Josselyn, Alice B. Davis, Lillian Lincoln. Miss Carrie D. Thrasher has a been a teacher ever since the organization of the school.

The Sunday School superintendents have been as follows: G. O. White, J. G. Luscomb, Z. F. Jenney, E. N. Jenney, William Hutchinson, J. J. Stanley, Joseph Hague, J. H. Codding, Ezra Hamlen, W. H. Waitt, A. S. Rounds, T. O. Sherman, W. M. Dunbar W. L. Park,

E. A. Barker, J. B. Farrington, B. H. Scudder.

Epworth League—Chapter 656 was organized in 1889. Its first president was Walter L. Park, who held the office five years. His successor was the present incumbent. The membership is nearly ninety. President, L. L. Mitchell; First Vice-President, Mary E. Pye (deceased); Second Vice-President, Abbie F. Dunbar; Third Vice-President, Alice B. Davis; Fourth Vice-President, Lilla R. Clayton; Secretary, Andrew J. Dunbar; Treasurer, W. H. Waitt; Chorister, Lillian A. Mitchell; Organist, Mary A. Scudder.

The work of the League in all departments has been characterized by zeal and efficiency. It has been a help to the work of the

church.

Ladies' Social Circle—This society was organized under another name in 1852, the year before the church took organic form, and has had a prosperous history. It has on its records minutes which show how much aid it gave to the Union cause in the 60's by preparing hospital supplies, etc. It has also helped the poor in the city. In its regular work it has earned and expended thousands of dollars for the church and parsonage and current expenses. The officers are: President, Mrs. Louisa K. Coombs; Vice-President, Mrs. Ezra Hamlen; Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Cushing; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Strang.

King's Daughters—The Central Class Circle of King's Daughters and Sons was organized May 17, 1895. They took for their motto, "Never Alone," and for their text, "Bear ye one another's burdens." Ten women enrolled as pioneer members, but the number became eleven very soon. The first kindly act of the Circle was to give an outing party at Sabbatia Park on July 24, 1895, to members of the Old Ladies' Home. During the two years of its history the Circle has raised and expended over one hundred dollars in gifts to the church, Sunday School and to "Gordon Rest" of "The Helping Hand Society." The Circle has furnished needy families with provisions and destitute persons with clothing, besides remembering the sick with flowers, fruit, etc. At funerals gifts of flowers have been made. The two years have been filled with good deeds. The officers are as follows: Leader, Mrs. Martha W. Chace; Vice-Leader, Mrs. Sarah J. Dixon; Treasurer, Mrs. Harriet N. Hatch; Secretary, Mrs. Josephine Southwick. Members: Mrs. Cornelia A. Gammons, Mrs. Flora H. Gammons, Mrs. Ella M. Grinnell, Mrs. B. H. Lawton, Mrs. M. M. Scudder, Mrs. Mary M. Cushing, Mrs. J. W. Strang, Lemuel P. Gammons, John W. Gammons, B. B. Grinnell, Fred M. Scudder.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH, TAUNTON, MASS.

Up to the present date, July, 1897, no history of this church has ever been written, and so the data for this historical sketch are meagre and ambiguous, and we cannot vouch for the absolute accuracy of all the statements herein contained. Tradition saith that the Rev. George Whitefield preached in the Congregational Church



FIRST CHURCH, TAUNTON.

in Taunton during the pastorate of the sixth minister, the Rev. Josiah Crocker, either on the occasion of his third visit to America in 1744 or on his sixth tour in 1764. In 1830 "Father Dane" and the Rev. Amos Binney had charge of the "Mansfield and Taunton" circuit. As early as this, Methodist meetings were held in the old Town House, on Dean Street.

Messrs. Solomon Woodward, Edmund Anthony, John Haskell, Mr. Lindsey and a few others were Methodists and probably organied a class-meeting at the Weir. At all events, class-meetings were being held in this vicinity by these gentlement as early as 1833.

The first Love Feast ever held in Taunton was held at the home of one of these gentlemen, Mr. Solomon Woodward, on Main Street, in the year 1833. Mrs. Mary Chace, still living, atended that service. Before this church was organized or there was a preacher stationed here from the conference, the people enjoyed hearing occasional sermons from such men as the Rev. Amos Binney, David Culver, Warren Emerson, John D. Baldwin, C. D. Rogers. At about this time Messrs. Anthony, Woodward and Haskell came from the Green and started meetings in the house of a colored woman named Mitchell, at what is now known as Happy Hollow. These services were held at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoons, and resulted in the conversion of a very large number of persons—heads of families as well as the younger people—and these people constituted the nucleus of that church, which was soon after organized here at the Weir.

The first minister to be stationed here by the conference was the

Rev. Samuel Coggshall, D. D., in 1834, who set himself to the task of raising funds wherewith to build a church. He was successful, and the first edifice was begun in the same year, 1834, and finished and dedicated in 1835.

According to records in the office of the Register of Deeds for



FIRST CHURCH PARSONAGE.

the city of Taunton, the grantor of the land on which the church was built was one Seth Williams, and the trustees to whom the land was deeded in trust were the following persons: Edmund Anthony, John Haskell, William Warren, William Read, Jr., Abiathar White. This deed was dated October 25, 1834. Abiathar White was a builder and contractor; he built the North Dighton church edifice

and may have built that of the First M. E. Church at the Weir.

Such prosperity attended this church, spiritual and financial, and such was the numerical increase that as early as 1846, or in a dozen years after its organization, the church building was enlarged, during the pastorate of the Rev. William Livesey.

A parsonage was built on First Street about the year 1850, which



REV. W. A. LUCE.



MRS. W. A. LUCE.

was afterwards sold and the present parsonage, next to the church on Weir Street, was bought.

The church edifice was enlarged and almost entirely rebuilt—the work having been commenced during the pastorate of Rev. C. H. Titus, in 1868, and finished the next year, 1869, or during the first year of the Rev. Lewis B. Bates' administration. The church building



M. A. DARY, Sunday School Superintendent.



LLOYD W. PRATT, Epworth League President.

was moved further back from Weir Street, and underwent such extensive changes that very little of the original building remains.

The church was re-dedicated June 10, 1869, the Rev. C. S. Hare,



REV. G. W. KING, Ph. D., AND WIFE. Pastor 1892-96.

D. D., of Boston, preaching the sermon. Messrs. Jacob Burt and Calvin Presbrey are the oldest living members, having joined the church in 1845. Mrs. Mary C. Patten, who lived 100 years, lacking one day, joined this church by letter in 1852, was a regular attendant

for more than forty years, and during the most of this time was superintendent of the infant department in the Sunday School. Her property on Weir Street was left to the church in her will, and quite a sum of money from Mrs. Patten's estate will go, in equal shares, to the Missionary Society and to the Conference Claimants Fund of the N. E. S. Conference when the estate is finally settled.

Mrs. Mary W. Chace, another "Mother in Israel," still lives, for forty-two years a member and an earnest and conscientious worker. Mr. Henry F. Cobb was a very loyal and devoted member of this church for half a century. He loved the church. Mr. William H. Merrill was long a member, and as trustee, steward, class leader and Sunday School superintendent served the church faithfully and well. Mr. Benjamin Wilbur was treasurer of this church for many years, an exemplary Christian and efficient worker. Other prominent members were Samuel Miller, John P. Crane, Lemuel T. Talbot, Job Chace and John S. Thomas. This is the mother-church of Taunton. Methodism is today large, prosperous and influential, numbering in her membership many strong and wise and great men, and women, too.

PASTORS.

1834-35. 1835-36. 1837. 1838. 1839-40. 1841-42. 1843-44. 1845. 1846. 1847-48. 1849-50. 1851-52. 1853.	S. W. Coggesall, D. D. Rufus Spaulding Daniel Fillmore, C. S. Macreading Mosely Dwight, Rufus Spaulding E. B. Bradford Lewis Bates J. D. Butler D. Webb, J. Parkinson William Livesey J. M. Worcester Paul Townsend S. C. Brown G. M. Carpenter	1857-58. 1859. 1860-61. 1862-63. 1864-66. 1867-68. 1872-74. 1875-76. 1877-78. 1879-81. 1882-83. 1884-86. 1887-88. 1889-91.	Charles Nason S. W. Coggshall J. P. Benton N. P. Philbrook J. D. King Charles H. Titus Lewis B. Bates Charles Young Angelo Canoll E. McChesney H. A. Cleveland C. W. Gallagher S. McBurney H. B. Cady E. C. Bass G. W. King
1853. 1854. 1855-56.	G. M. Carpenter Sanford Benton Henry Baylies	1892-96. 1897—	G. W. King W. A. Luce

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Class Leaders—C. W. Robinson, Mrs. Cora L. Brownell. Superintendent Junior Epworth League—Mrs. M. L. Bicknell.

Ladies' Aid Society—President, Mrs. L. B. West; Treasurer, George W. Barrows; Collector, W. N. Parker; Pew Renter, C. H. Lincoln; Choir Master, Charles R. Park; Organist, George Hathaway; Sexton, Charles Fisher, residence, 100 Somerset Avenue.

Sunday School—Superintendent, M. A. Dary; Assistant Superintendent, Chester Robinson; Secretary, Mrs. D. L. Hamlen; Treasurer, W. H. Thomas; Librarian, Allie Smith; Superintendent Infant Department, Mrs. Flora J. Dary; Librarian Infant Department, Gertie Staples. Teachers, Alice Lincoln, Fannie Briggs, Ida G. Barrows, Mrs. Alice Staples, Fred Boardman, Mrs. Cora Brownell, Mrs. Henry G. Leonard, Annie V. Strange, Nellie Drew, Mrs. Anna Blackwell, Mrs. Abbie J. Perry, Mary Barrows, Mrs. Mabel Bicknell, Mrs. Almira Haskins, John Paull, Mrs. Emeline B. Welch, George W. Barrows, W. D. Richardson, Lillie Carey, George E. Pierce, Mrs. Martha A. Morrison, Mrs. George Barrows, Robert Weller, Lizzie Dunbar, Ethel Reed, Mrs. M. A. Dary, Mrs. L. B. West, Mrs. Ella P. Merrill, Mrs. Harry Bragg, Marjie Walker, L. B. West, Mrs. A. H. Francis, Mrs. Lydia Blake, Mrs. A. Boardman, Maud Dupee, Lizzie Irving, Mrs. Ella A. Luce.

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RAILROAD PARK, YARMOUTH CAMP-MEETING,

GRACE M. E. CHURCH, TAUNTON, MASS.

This church owes its existence to the late Captain W. H. Phillips, whose portrait accompanies this sketch. He purchased the church and parsonage, previously owned by the Free Will Baptists, and generously gave them the opportunity to redeem the property, which, however, they were unable to do. Their pastor, Rev. Samuel Mc-Keown, himself a generous contributor toward the building of the church, together with several of the members, expressed a willingness to become Methodists and thus to continue worshipping in the same



GRACE CHURCH, TAUNTON.

building. Accordingly, with the approval of Captain Phillips and of the Presiding Elder, Rev. W. V. Morrison, D. D., a Methodist-Episcopal church was organized, consisting of twelve members from the Free Will Baptists and thirteen from other Methodist-Episcopal churches. The dedication service was conducted according to the Methodist ritual, December 3, 1874, Dr. E. Tourjee of Boston conducting the music, and Rev. L. B. Bates, D. D., preaching the sermon. At the suggestion of Dr. Morrison, the new organization was named Grace church. The pastor, Rev. S. McKeown, continued in charge until the ensuing annual conference, April, 1875.

The burden of the cost of the property has been from the first sustained by Captain Phillips, the church paying no interest. During

the pastorate of Rev. E. D. Hall an effort was made to reduce the indebtedness. Together with his family, by whom his good works are continued, Captain Phillips built and gave to the church a beautiful and commodious chapel adjoining the rear of the church building.



CAPT. W. II. PHILLIPS.

This was dedicated January 21, 1892, and is a memorial to his late grand-daughter, Fannie W. Montgomery. The church and chapel, built of brick, and the parsonage, a tasteful, commodious frame building, form a pleasing group, delightfully situated at the junction of Somerset avenue and Weir street. Together also they furnish abundant facility for every branch of church work at present, as well as for future growth.

As a result of meetings held, chiefly by members of this church, at Happy Hollow, east of Taunton River, a building named Parker Chapel was erected during the year 1895, where

services are regularly maintained under the direction of Grace Church Quarterly Conference.

The Sunday School has always been successful. Its nucleus was the Free Will Baptist Sunday School, whose superintendent, A. J. Lawrence, became the first superintendent under Grace Church. The order of Superintendents is: To 1877, A. J. Lawrence; 1877, Rev. W. T. Worth; 1878, G. F. Gavitt; 1879, J. N. Pierce; 1880 to 1884,

E. F. Anthony; 1884, Rev. E. F. Jones; 1885, J. L. Merigold; 1886 to 1889, A. N. Dyer; 1889, C. J. Hart; 1893 to 1895, C. F. Luther; 1895, L. L. Smith; 1896, C. F. Luther; 1897, E. G. Chick.

The Ladies' Aid Society was organized in 1875 and has been a great social as well as financial help to the church.

The Young People's Christian League was organized in 1887 and became Chapter 325



GRACE CHURCH PARSONAGE.

of the Epworth League at the organization of that body.

A branch of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized in 1887, which has continuously prosecuted its benevolent work. The church has enjoyed a good degree of spiritual prosperity. A



REV. B. F. SIMON.



MRS. B. F. SIMON.

gracious revival occurred during the first few months of its organization, under the pastoral work of Rev. Samuel McKeown and the leadership of the evangelist, Mrs. H. D. Walker. Occasions of special revival have been frequent and permanently beneficial, besides which



E. G. CHICK.
Sunday School Superintendent.



E. S. YOUNG. Epworth League President.

the ordinary methods of church work have been rewarded by many conversions. From this church several young men have entered the Christian ministry. Many of its members have joined the church

triumphant, yet the original twenty-five are now represented by over three hundred members and probationers.

Among the workers not previously mentioned who have gone from the membership of this church to their final reward may be named Israel Allen, whose work was successful in all departments of church activity, and John Seekell, who is remembered as one of the founders and generous supporters of Grace Church.

PASTORS.

1875.	S. McKeown	1885-87.	W. J. Yates
1875-78.	W. T. Worth		E. L. Hyde
1878-80.	S. J. Carroll	1889-92.	H. B. Cady
	E. D. Hall	1892-97.	E. F. Clark
1883-85.	E. F. Jones	1897	B. F. Simon

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Class Leaders—A. N. Dyer, Mrs. E. A. Dyer, G. A. Grant, C. S. Thrasher.

Local Preacher-E. G. Chick.

Exhorters-H. L. Babbitt, G. A. Grant, E. S. Young.

Sunday School—Superintendent, E. G. Chick; First Assistant, Sam Smith; Primary Superintendent, Mrs. I. L. Montgomery; Secretary, Miss H. N. Newcomb; Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Townsend; Organist, George G. Crane; Chorister, E. S. Young; Librarian, F. E. Wellman; Assistant Librarians, Miss E. M. Haradon and Miss S. A. Gross; Periodical Secretary, Fred. L. Canham. Teachers, Charles J. Hart, T. N. Taylor, George Davis, E. N. Henninger, Joshua Gould, Mrs. Cora Buffington, Mrs. Ellen Wilbur, Mrs. Estella Smith, Miss Gertrude Briggs, Miss E. J. Whiting, Mrs. Annie Francis, Mrs. E. A. Dyer, Mrs. Minnie Hart, Mrs. Almira Foster, Mrs. W. S. Geary, Mrs. Hannah Young, Mrs. Clara Canham, Mrs. B. F. Simon, Miss Cora Cunningham, Miss Lizzie Bartel.

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TREMONT STREET M. E. CHURCH, TAUNTON, MASS.

In 1884, I. N. Allen, a local preacher, visited Oakland, and getting a few people together, began religious services in the Worcester Street Chapel, which had been built by stockholders for no particular denomination. The attendance increased and a Sunday School was established. Rev. George W. Hunt, then pastor of the Central M. E. Church, Taunton, held revival services in this chapel, November, 1886. About twenty persons were converted and thirteen united with the Central M. E. Church, Taunton.



REV. L. EVERETT SQUIRES.

The meetings at the Worcester Street Chapel continued. Rev. Charles Hammond supplied the pulpit for a time. His health failing, students from the East Greenwich Academy, Rhode Island, were secured until September, 1887, when Rev. James A. Wood was secured as preacher. He continued to preach here until April, 1888, when Rev. Jordan C. Wells was appointed pastor by the Conference.

A meeting was held April 22, 1888, by certain persons appointed by the Central M. E. Church, Taunton, for the purpose of organizing "The Worcester Street M. E. Church," Presiding Elder G. W. Gallagher

being present. This was the birth of the Tremont Street M. E. Church, Taunton, Mass. A building lot on Tremont Street was purchased in the fall of 1888. In 1889 the church was erected and dedicated by Bishop Mallalieu. The largest number of members at any one time previous to present writing was twenty-nine. Last December, 1896, the membership was reduced to twenty-two. The pulpit was being supplied by students from Boston. The salary was three dollars and fifty cents per week; but amid all the discouraging circumstances God has graciously revived His church. During the last nine months the new members and probationers have increased the membership over 100 per cent. The salary has been raised to at least four hundred dollars and a genuine revival spirit prevails. The heroic efforts and unwavering faith of a "faithful few" have been rewarded in this crisis period of the history of the church.

The Epworth League has been brought from its grave and inspired with new life. It has increased its active and associate membership to seventy-two.

PASTORS.

1888.	Jordan C. Wells	
1891.	John S. Bell	
1892.	Joseph Simpson	
т803.	Harry Critchlow	

1894-95. S. J. Paterson 1896. N. D. Bigelow 1896— L. Everett Squires



GEO. H. GOULD, President Board of Trustees.



JOHN PRING, JR., Sunday School Superintendent.

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Sunday School—Superintendent, George H. Gould; Assistant Superintendent, Samuel N. Busbee; Secretary and Treasurer, Sophie Wilmarth; Librarian, Herbert B. Payne; Organist, Florence A. Busbee; Teachers, Mrs. Anna Wilmarth, Miss Alice Wilmarth, Mrs. Alice Gould, Miss Anna F. Cummings, Miss Bertha Leonard.

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FIRST M. E. CHURCH, TRURO, MASS.

Just how and when Methodism began in Truro but little can be learned. Something concerning its birth will be found in connection with the history of the Second Methodist Church in the town, as prepared for this volume. The picture entitled "The Second Methodist



THE TRURO CHURCH.

Church built in New England," kindly loaned by Shibnah Rich, author of a published history of the town, and to whom we are indebted for some of the foregoing facts, represents the first home of the Society. This, says Mr. Rich, according to good authority, was built in 1794, and continued to be the home of Methodism in Truro until 1826, when it was voted to build a a new meeting-house. This

building, a barn-like structure about forty feet square, with two tiers of windows, like the portholes of a ship of the line, stiff galleries on three sides, and a two-story pulpit with red doors, was finished within the year, was dedicated by the Rev. Lewis Bates, and was

styled the North Meeting House, now called the Centre Church.

Preaching services were held here two-thirds of the year, and at the old house one-third until 1830, when it was voted to support preaching in the North Meeting House all the ensuing year.

In 1845 this house was entirely remodeled. A few years ago other important changes were made, and thus modernized it is a



THE TRURO PARSONAGE.

neat and tasty little church, well kept in all its appointments, and

when other changes contemplated in the near future, in the addition of steeple and bell are made, it will be as attractive outside as it is now within.

In 1827 it was judged necessary to organize a parish meeting in connection with the church. This continued until 1889, when it was seen to be unwise and unmethodistic, and so it was decided that it should be convened no more.

Marked revivals have taken place. The great revival of 1821, under Edward Hyde, Frederick Upham and others, was mighty indeed; over four hundred made profession of religion, and two hundred and thirty-six joined the Methodist Church.

After the October gale of 1841, in which fifty-seven of the citi-







MRS. W. D. WILKINSON.

zens lost their lives, a season of fasting and prayer was held by the people of the town in the Congregational Church. This was the beginning of a revival that centred in the First Methodist Church, and many were led to Him who is indeed a "refuge in time of storm."

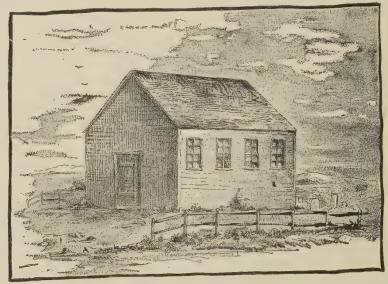
Other awakenings have occurred from time to time, resulting in the conversion of a goodly number. Some have gone to strengthen other charges, especially in the cities. Others remain faithful in the home field; many have joined the church triumphant.

During the pastorate of Rev. John S. Bell, a Portuguese missionary visited the charge and a good work was begun among that people, resulting in the organization of a class which continues to be a power, with a decided missionary spirit.

From 1795 to 1827 Methodism in Truro had no regular preacher in charge, and the names which appear in the following list of preachers, many of whom did grand work for God, include those who

served during that period either as supplies or as circuit preachers.

From 1876 to 1890 the Centre and South Churches were united, since which time the Society, though few in numbers, owing to the depletion of the population of the town, has loyally cared for its own work, and at this writing (1897) is an aggressive, God-fearing, and



FIRST CHURCH ERECTED IN TRURO.

God-loving Society, with class meetings fully sustained, good congregations, and all financial obligations promptly met.

October 24, 1895, this church held its centennial celebration, which was a great event. A special historical address was given by Shibnah Rich. There were many other interesting features. The present pastor is closing a fine year's pastorate with many encouraging results.

PASTORS.

1795-96.	Joseph Snelling, George Cannon and Robert		Elijah Willard Joel Steele
	Yalley	1808.	Erastus Otis
1797.	Jacob Řicklow	1809-11.	Joseph A. Merrill
1798.	Smith Weeks	1812.	Robert Arnold
1799.	William Beauchamp	1813.	Elias Marble
1800.	John Merrick	1814.	Bartholomew Otheman
1801.	Solomon Langdon	1815.	Thomas C. Pierce
1802.	Edward Whittle	1816.	Orin Roberts
1803.	Allen H. Cobb	1817.	Benjamin Keith
1804.	Alfred Metcalf	1818-19.	Ephraim Wiley
1805.	Philip Munger	1820-21.	Edward Hyde

1824. 1825-26. 1827. 1828. 1829. 1830-31. 1832-33. 1834-35. 1836-37.	Leonard Bennett S. G. Atkins Lewis Bates Warren Wilbur Benjamin Keith Abram Holway William R. Stone William Ramsdell Enoch Bradley Thomas W. Gile J. R. Barstow
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ISAIAH SNOW, Sunday School Superintendent.

1840.	Levi Woods
1841-42.	Reuben Bowen
1843.	Thomas Patten
1844-45.	Charles A. Carter
1846.	Henry Mayo
1847-48.	Samuel Beedle
1849.	Onesiphorus Robbins
1850.	Theophilus B. Gurney
1851-52.	Thomas D. Blake
1853.	Edward B. Hinckley
1854.	Lewis E. Dunham
1855-56.	John W. Willett
1857.	William E. Sheldon
1858-59.	Nathan P. Selee
1860-62.	James B. Washburn
1863.	Lawton Cady
1864.	Adin H. Newton
1865.	Joseph Gerry
1866.	Hefflin S. Smith
1867-68.	Tason Gill
1869.	Unsupplied
1870.	Isaac G. Price
1871-73.	Isaac Sherman
1874-75.	Richard Burn
1876-78.	Virgil W. Mattoon
1879.	Charles N. Hinckley
1880-82.	John S. Fish
1883-85.	Charles T. Hatch
1886-88.	John Q. Adams
1889-90.	John S. Bell
1891-92.	Charles H. Walter
1893	William D. Wilkinson

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—Isaiah Snow, Barnabas Paine, Samuel C. Paine, Joseph Higgins, C. W. Snow.

Stewards—Isaiah Snow, Barnabas Paine, John Corey, Joseph Higgins, Sarah E. Lombard, Sarah A. Snow, Martha Dyer.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Isaiah Snow; Assistant Superintendent, Barnabas Paine.

Epworth League—President, William D. Wilkinson; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. D. Wilkinson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. R. F. Honey; Third Vice-President, Mrs. M. Corey; Fourth Vice-President, G. W. Snow; Secretary, Sarah E. Lombard; Treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Snow.

M. E. CHURCH, VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS.

The first Methodist who preached the Gospel on Martha's Vineyard was John Sanders, a local preacher from Virginia. Eight years later that apostle of New England Methodism, Jesse Lee, stepped



VINEYARD HAVEN CHURHC.

(ashore at Holmes Hole, as Vineyard Haven was then called, and preached to a handful of hearers in a cottage.

In 1797 the first appointee set foot ashore. He and all others who followed him up to 1833 had all the island for a charge.

After 1800 nothing certain is known until 1809, when Rev. E. Otis, who was stationed in Falmouth, preached on the island frequently during his two years' stay.

During the pastorate of Shipley W. Wilson (1816-17) the first class meeting was formed with Hiram Chase as leader, who led it for thirty years.

In the years 1821-23, John Adams, who was called "Reforma-

tion Adams," was famous as a mighty revival preacher. He found 113 members and left 210.

The first camp-meeting held on Martha's Vineyard was at West

Chop, and was during the pastorates of John Adams and Caleb Lamb (1826-27).

In 1833 the first M. E. Church was erected. Before this the congregation had worshipped in a meeting-house used alike by the Congregationalists, Baptists and others, and was a private concern.

From 1833 to 1856 the pastors preached at Vineyard Haven and Chilmark.

The first parsonage was built during the pastorate of Rev. O. Robbins (1839-41).



VINEYARD HAVEN PARSONAGE.

During the pastorate of Rev. A. B. Wheeler (1845-47), the present church was built.

The name of the charge was changed during the pastorate of



REV. J. E. DUXBURY.



MRS. J. E. DUXBURY.

Rev. Philo Hawkes (1870-72), from Holmes Hole to Vinyard Haven. At this time there were 136 members and 37 probationers. The pipe organ was bought at this time.



JOHN H. CROWELL, Sunday School Superintendent.



MISS NELLIE CALL, Epworth League President.

Rev. S. F. Harriman (1885-87) wrote a history of the church from which the foregoing is taken.

Rev. R. E. Schuh was the means of procuring the present parsonage.

At the last annual session of the New England Southern Conference the present pastor, John E. Duxbury, was appointed to this charge and found it in good condition, and located in the most salubrious and beautiful place in the gift of the Conference.

PASTORS.

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—M. L. Smith, A. W. Smith, Warren Luce, H. W. Beetle, Charles Gifford, John H. Crowell, W. S. Swift, J. M. Tabor, Owen H. Tilton.

Stewards—M. L. Smith, John H. Crowell, A. W. Smith, Warren Luce (D. S.), H. W. Beetle, A. H. Chesborough, W. S. Swift (R. S.),

H. A. Swift, Lydia Eldridge, Fannie Smith, Almira Luce, Addie Butler.

Local Preacher-William G. Smith.

Exhorters—George E. Ames, E. W. Cook.

Sunday School—Superintendent, John H. Crowell; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. George Eldridge; Secretary, Miss Jennie Cleveland; Treasurer, Mrs. Norman Johnson; Librarian, Mrs. Holmes Swift.

Epworth League—President, Miss Nellie Call; First Vice-President, W. S. Swift; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Norman Johnson; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Presbury Luce; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Mabel Tilton; Secretary, Mrs. Herbert Hancock; Treasurer, Mrs. Lyman Vinto; Superintendent Junior League, Mrs. J. E. Duxbury.

M. E. CHURCH, WAREHAM, MASS.

It is not known that there was any Methodist preaching in Wareham previous to 1812. In that year two young men, Heman Perry and Covell Bangs, came from Sandwich to work here. It being known that they were Methodists, it was supposed that they could pray and exhort, consequently they were asked to hold meetings. The



THE WAREHAM CHURCH.

first meeting was held in a house now occupied by Mr. William H. Fearing. This opened the way for Rev. Benjamin R. Hoit, preacher in charge of Sandwich, to preach here. After this Rev. Frederick Upham, in charge at Monument (now Bourne) station, preached here.

In 1823 some Methodists from Easton came to Wareham to work in the nail works. These were Messrs. Wilbur, Waters, and Barlow. Others came about the same time, and Methodist preaching was more frequent.

In 1826 Rev. John Newland Maffet preached frequently in pri-

vate houses, and once in the Congregational Church. The people were favorably impressed by his efforts.

In 1830 Ebenezer Slocum, a watchmaker by trade, came from the South and settled in Wareham. He held meetings in his shop. Some

souls were converted, and in June, 1831, a class was formed, consisting of Ebenezer Slocum, Eliza Slocum, Mercy Ann Briggs, Royal Barlow, and Relief Willis.

Through the labors of Rev. David Gulver of Rochester Circuit, William Livesey and James Porter, a revival began, which resulted in the addition of forty members to the class. About this time the Methodist Society was formed by William Fearing, Esq., justice of the peace. The first officers of the Society were Ebenezer Slocum, clerk; Robert Hinckley, Jeremiah Briggs, and Royal Barlow, Prudential Committee.

The Society passed through a period of trial, but was able to build a meeting-house. The building was located on the fork of two roads, one leading to Carver and the other to Tihonet. It was twenty-eight feet square and cost \$1,000.

The year 1834 has been chronicled in the local church records



THE WAREHAM PARSONAGE.

as the dark age of Methodism in Wareham. Prejudice against Methodism became so strong that it displayed itself in open acts of violence, and the Methodists found it necessary to remain in the church night after night. The class was reduced to five regular attendants. Soon after this Mr. T. Morse moved to Tihonet and was a great encouragement to the little band of Methodists.

About 1835 the meeting-house was moved to the Centre, through the efforts of Rev. Mr. Marsh (better known as Father Marsh). The Society now consisted of twelve members. They were poor in this world's goods, but rich in faith and in love for God and souls.

In 1836 Wareham was withdrawn from Rochester Circuit, and made a separate station. Rev. Samuel Phillips was stationed here. The congregation increased and the second year of this pastorate witnessed a great revival of religion. In 1840 another great revival of religion took place through the efforts of Rev. Charles A. Carter, assisted by Revs. J. D. Butler, Washburn and Bicknell. Mr. Carter's name is as ointment poured forth among the people of Wareham. Here he labored in early life; here he afterwards spent many years in sickness and poverty, manifesting his faith by patience in suffering and from here his spirit passed to its reward. His influence lingers here to stimulate faith and love.

In 1841 Rev. James D. Butler was stationed here and remained until 1843. These years were marked by continuous prosperity. Many souls were converted to God, and the present house of worship was built and dedicated. The cost of the building was \$3,000. There were 118 persons on probation and fifty-seven in full membership at the close of Mr. Butler's pastorate.

After this the church passed through another period of trial. There were many things that were discouraging, but there were those who believed in the doctrines of Methodism, and were hopeful of good things. The good things came.

In 1871 through the efforts of Rev. D. M. Rogers a chapel was



REV. C. T. HATCH.



MRS. J. A. ELDRIDGE, Epworth League President.

built at East Wareham, and the preacher began holding services in it. These services had for some time previous been held in a hall, but the Swedenborgians also held services in the hall, and the matter was a cause of much unpleasantness. With the chapel the Methodists got a better hold upon the people, and until this time the preacher at Wareham has done the work of pastor and preacher at East Wareham.

In 1877, under the pastorate of Rev. J. G. Gammons, one hundred conversions were reported.

In 1879 Rev. J. S. Bell reported fifty conversions. In 1893-96 a marked prosperity and increased membership resulted from the efforts of Rev. C. H. Walter.

In April of the year 1896 Rev. C. T. Hatch was stationed here. The church property at the Centre was improved, and there was increased attendance at East Wareham and some conversions.

PASTORS.

1836-37.	Samuel Phillips
1838.	Henry H. Smith
1839.	Chester W. Turner
1840.	Charles A. Carter
1841-42.	James D. Butler
1843-44.	Elisha B. Bradford
1845.	John W. Case
1846.	Samuel W. Coggshall
1847-48.	Nelson Goodrich
1849-50.	Horatio W. Houghton
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MABEL V. HATCH.
Junior League Superintendent.

Edward H. Hatfield 1851. Nathaniel Bemis 1852-53. George W. Stearns Philip Crandon 1854. 1855. 1856. Horace C. Atwater Lawton Cady 1857-58. John W. Willett 1859-60. Moses Chase 1861. Charles Stokes 1862-63. George H. Winchester 1864. 1865. George S. Alexander 1866. Abel Allton Daniel J. Griffin 1867. 1868. Charles A. Carter Daniel J. Griffin 1869-70. Daniel M. Rogers 1871-72. 1873-74. William Livesey Edward J. Ayres 1875-76. John G. Gammons 1877-78. 1879-80. John S. Bell Melville B. Cummings 1881. George Hudson 1882. William F. Davis 1883-85. Benjamin F. Simon 1886. John Thompson 1887. John Livesey 1888. William Kirky 1889-90. Adoniram J. Leach 1891-92. Charles H. Walter 1892-95. Charles T. Hatch 1896--

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Stewards—Albert Humphrey, Eugene Johnson, L. W. Hall, Enoch Williams, F. B. Keyes, J. A. Eldridge, M. D., Edgar Crocker.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Miss Zilpha F. Besse; Assistant Superintendent, Samuel B. Tripp; Secretary, George R. Dunham; Treasurer, F. Bartlett Keyes; Librarian, Miss Mabel Thomas; Organist, Everett C. Lewis.

Teachers—Mrs. Bessie M. Sears, Mrs. Betsey S. Seaver, F. Bartlett Keyes, Samuel B.Tripp, Eugene H. Johnson, Everett C. Lewis.

Primary Department—Superintendent, Miss Nettie S. Sampson; Teachers, Miss Susie L. Thomas, Miss Lottie P. Besse, Miss Mabel V. Hatch, Mrs. Jennie F. Keyes.

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Third Vice-President, Mrs. Leslie H. Hall; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Mabel V. Hatch; Secretary, Miss Nettie F. Sampson; Treasurer, Miss Susie L. Thomas.

Junior League—Superintendent, Mabel V. Hatch; Assistant Superintendent, Nettie F. Sampson; President, Mary Sheriff; Secretary, Minnie Lewis; Treasurer, Jennie Evans.

In 1831-32 the Methodist-Episcopal Society erected a church. It was located near the cemetery at Wareham, in the fork of the two roads, one leading to Carver, the other to Tihonet. The house was an humble building, twenty-eight feet square and cost \$1,000. At this time the prejudice against the Methodists was so inveterate that it would sometimes manifest itself in open acts of violence. The brethren, who were few in number, after working hard all day in the nail factory, were compelled to spend the night in their little church to save it from destruction. One night a ladder was driven through the pulpit window, the latches of the doors pried off, windows broken, and the building very much damaged. In 1835 it was removed to Wareham Centre and enlarged. The present church edifice was dedicated September 8, 1842. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. John Lovejoy of New Bedford. This enterprise was started and carried forward to completion during the pastorate of Rev. James D. Butler. The house is substantial and commodious and has a large vestry that is used for social meetings.

The above is an extract from the History of Wareham, written by Rev. Noble W. Everett for a History of Plymouth County.



CRANBERRY SCENE ON CAPE COD.
Photo by E. B. Gurney.

M. E. CHURCH, EAST WAREHAM, MASS.

In 1872 the Episcopal-Methodists built a chapel in Agawam Village. Regular Sabbath services are held there, and they have a flourishing Sunday School. The chapel was built during the pastorate of the late Rev. David M. Rogers, and he and his devoted wife were largely instrumental in its erection. The lot on which it is located was given for the purpose by the late Samuel T. Sherman.



EAST WAREHAM CHURCH.

This chapel is now being greatly improved—a room, twenty feet square, is in process of construction, which is to be surmounted by a tower, in which a fine bell is to be placed. These improvements are the result of the enterprise and benevolence of Mr. George E. Bryant, of the firm of Besse, Bryant & Co., Worcester, Mass., who gives one-half of the amount of the cost and donates the bell. Mr. Bryant has also had

a platform erected with panelled front board and curtain for the choir, together with the chairs for the choir and an altar rail, all



W. E. ROBBINS, Sunday School Superintendent.



ALFRED C. COVELL, Ex-President Epworth League.

nicely finished in black walnut. Mr. Bryant's wife is a daughter of the late S. T. Sherman, who gave the lot.

The religious interest at the chapel is good. Some conversions have occurred there the past winter and the attendance is good at all services. The chapel services are a part of the regular work of the Wareham charge.

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—J. C. Eldridge, Jonathan Westgate, I. B. Eldridge, C. H. Bryant, Eugene Ellis.

Stewards—Charles H. Bryant, A. C. Covell, T. A. Morse, Mary J. Lockhart, Eugene Ellis, Mary A. Griffith.

Sunday School—Superintendent, William E. Robbins; Secretary and Treasurer, Clara L. Covell; Organist, Martha E. Stuart; Assistant Organist, Addie Sherman. Teachers, Mary A. Lockhart, Susan L. Eldridge, Alfred C. Covell, Lucia H. Covell, Eugene F. Ellis, Addie Sherman, Mabel F. Robbins. Primary Department, Lena Bryant, Martha E. Stuart.

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TABERNACLE, YARMOUTH CAMP-M EETING. Photo by E. B. Gurney.

M. E. CHURCH, WELLFLEET, MASS.

Methodism came to Wellfleet as a sequence of that singular providence of God that brought Rev. Wm. Humbert, a local preacher, to Provincetown harbor, captain of a vessel, and kept him wind bound for several days. This man believed in occupying until the Master

THE WELLFLEET CHURCH.

came, and he preached every evening while thus detained.

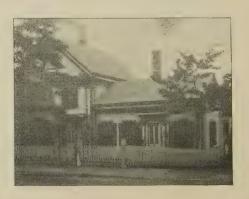
Very soon after Mr. Humbert's visit, Rev. George Cannon was stationed at Provincetown. He was followed by Rev. Joseph Snelling and Rev. Robert Yallalee. The latter was the first minister of the Methodist-Episcopal Church to hold meetings in Wellfleet. He came in 1797 in much the same way as Paul went into Macedonia, by invitation and the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

He was followed in occasional visits by Revs. Jacob Rickhow, Smith Weeks, John Broadhead, Joseph Snelling, Edward Whittle, Allen H. Cobb, Philip Munger and Elijah Willard, all of whom were devout, self-sacrificing men of God.

The first class was organized in 1802, and consisted of three members—Abigail Gross, Thankful Atwood and Lurana Higgins—a trio of faithful women. Like Lydia, "the seller of purple," their

"hearts were opened by the Lord that they attended unto the things which were spoken." The church owes much to the fervent prayers and Christian zeal of these women, one of whom lived to see the class grow into a membership of over three hundred.

Besides their fervent piety, a prominent characteristic of the believers in this



THE WELLFLEET PARSONAGE.

early period was that when a gospel minister came along, they heard the word to be doers also, and the Lord was with them and their prayers and labors were not in vain. In 1804 they had a revival that brought quite a number into their fellowship. In 1806 they had a gracious season of refreshing and ingathering. In the earliest records we read, "From this revival a gradual increase of religious influence followed."

In fourteen other instances the church has enjoyed special seasons of revival interest, when the converts have been numbered by the scores and frequently by the hundreds.

The most notable one was in 1841, when 130 were born into the kingdom in one week. During the revival at least 175 professed con-



REV. F. L. BROOKS.



MRS. F. L. BROOKS.

version and gave some satisfactory evidence, many of whom have been bright and growing Christians ever since.

Until 1817 the society had no church building. Their place of worship was in private dwellings. Their sacrament altar had been rough planks placed across chairs; yet the gospel was as sweet and powerful and the commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord was as precious as in costly edifices.

The first building dedicated, November, 1817, was modest in the extreme, being 30x40 feet, with bare floors and uncushioned seats. The society increased so that in 1829 this building was enlarged, with side galleries and one opposite the pulpit for the choir. Again, in 1842, the house was too small, and many thought that a more convenient and pleasant location could be found, and the present site was purchased. In 1843 the work of pulling down and removing began. The new building was 57x67 feet, containing 118 pews, with

galleries as before. The basement was of brick, with two vestries, one seating 300 and the other 100.

In 1863 the house was again remodeled at an expense of \$14,500, making one of the largest and most convenient churches on the Cape at the time. On the evening of February 28, 1891, during a tempest, the old church was set on fire by lightning and entirely consumed. With only \$3,000 insurance money the society heroically undertook the building of the present church edifice, which was completed and dedicated January 26, 1892, at a cost of \$8,800, with all bills paid.

The Sunday School was organized in 1827 and divided into three sections, one meeting at the church, one at the house of Joshua Hamblen on the "Neck," and one at the "Island Schoolhouse." In



PHILIP HIGGINS,
Sunday School Superintendent.



S. NELLIE HIGGINS, Epworth League President.

these three sections the membership numbered about twenty. It soon increased so that in the following year they reported ninety. The school has kept pace with the prosperity, growth and decline of the church and now has enrolled a membership of 131.

The first camp-meeting on the Cape was held at South Wellfleet in August, 1819. The power of God was wonderfully displayed among the people. Persons from this meeting went to their homes in adjoining towns to be witnesses of Christ's power to save. This was especially true in Eastham, where up to this time no Methodist preacher had been allowed to work. The interest manifested so increased that Eastham was made an appointment on Wellfleet Circuit the following year.

In 1807 Wellfleet was made an appointment on Harwich Circuit, with Joseph Steele preacher in charge. In 1828 Wellfleet became a

station by itself, and so continued up to the present Conference year. The Providence Annual Conference held its session in March, 1868, with this church. It was largely attended and cordially entertained. We have record of at least five ministers' wives being taken from this fold. Two members of this church, Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Hopkins, have gone as missionaries to foreign lands and are now working in China.

Rev. A. P. Palmer, writing in January, 1877, says: "It has been the work of this church to raise up men and women to serve other churches. In Philadelphia, especially in one church, Wellfleet has a very good representation. In the churches of Boston and New York and many other cities in all directions, Wellfleet's sons and daughters are found." An exodus of the people occurred as early as 1824. The church has been embarrassed all through its history because so many of its members have removed on account of the limited means of support in Wellfleet. This has been especially true "since business went down." It is pathetic indeed to hear the old members speak of the "good old days" gone by, when, as one said, "No place in the fishing community could boast of a superior fleet, numbering from 75 to 100 sail of vessels. No fleet sailing from any port observed the Sabbath as the Wellfleet. They would lay, during the Lord's day, under foresail, and on this account were often referred to as Bible faces." Only one lone vessel now reminds the people of what once was their joy and support.

The Epworth League was organized April 4, 1890. There existed previously to this date a society known as the Young Folks' Literary Society, organized by Rev. Charles S. Davis in September, 1888. The League has a present membership of 71 and is doing, as

in the past, efficient work.

PASTORS.

1807.	Joel Steele	1827-28.	Joel Steele
1808.	Erastus Otis	1829-30,	B. F. Lambord
1809-11.	Joseph A. Merrill	1831.	N. S. Spaulding
1812.	Robert Arnold	1832.	S. B. Hascall
1813.	Elias Marble	1833.	Hector Brownson
1814.	Bartholomew Otheman	1834-35.	Warren Emerson
1815.	Thomas C. Peirce	1836.	B. F. Lambord
1816.	Orin Roberts	1837-38.	Heman Perry
1817.	Benjamin Keith	1839.	I. M. Bidwell
1818-19.	Ephraim Wiley	1840-41.	Paul Townsend
1820-21.	Edward Hyde	1842-43.	Jonathan Cady
1822-23.	Leonard Bennett	1844-45.	G. W. Stearns
1824.	S. G. Atkins	1846-47.	John Lovejoy
1825-26.	Lewis Bates	1848.	Cyrus C. Munger

1849-50.	Samuel Fox	1873-74.	C. S. Macreading
1851-52.	John Howson	1875-77.	A. P. Palmer
1853.	J. E. Gifford	1878-80.	Edward Edson
1854-55.	Erastus Benton	1881-82.	S. M. Beale
1856-57.	E. K. Colby	1883.	Samuel McBurney
1858-59.	E. H. Hatfield	1884-85.	George A. Morse
1860-61.	James Mather	1886-87.	Angelo Canoll
1862.	John Howson	1888-90.	Charles S. Davis
1863-64.	A. N. Bodfish	1891-92.	William S. Fitch
1865-66.	William V. Morrison	1893-94.	Edwin D. Hall
1867-68.	Charles Nason	1895-96.	George W. Elmer
	Walter Ela	1897—	Frank L. Brooks
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PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—Thomas A. Higgins, Alfred Smith, Philip Higgins, L. Dow Baker, James L. Gordon, L. A. Newcombe, Darius A. Newcombe, James M. Mott, F. H. Pervere.

Stewards—Thomas H. Lewis, Philip Higgins, George W. Harding, John A. Swett, Henry Baker, Thomas A. Higgins, Austin E. Dyer, James L. Gordon, L. A. Newcombe, Uriah Rich, Levi L. Higgins, L. Dow Baker.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Philip Higgins; Assistant Superintendent, James L. Gordon; Secretary and Treasurer, Alvin L. Wiley; Librarian, Albert Davis; Assistant Librarian, Georgiana Davis.

Committee—Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. William H. Young, Mrs. A. A. Knowles, Mrs. George W. Williams, Thomas A. Higgins, Levi L. Higgins.

Teachers—James L. Gordon, Sarah Collins, Ellen Baker, S. Nellie Higgins, Lizzie Higgins, Hannah Newcombe, Lillian Brooks, Martha Pervere, Jane Stauning, Sarah Hopkins, Edith Cobb, Mary Douglass, F. L. Brooks.

Epworth League—President, S. Nellie Higgins; First Vice-President, Edith Cobb; Second Vice-President, Eva Baker; Third Vice-President, Mary L. Douglass; Fourth Vice-President, Emma F. Parsons; Secretary, Nellie Pierce; Treasurer, John Swett; Superintendent of Junior League, Edith Cobb.

M. E. CHURCH, WEST DENNIS, MASS.

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Methodist preaching was first heard in this place in 1833. The heralds of free salvation, Rev. Messrs. Sanderson and Britt, known as sons of thunder, from Bridgewater to Provincetown, began Methodist preaching here in a schoolhouse, where C. N. Hinckley, now a mem-



THE WEST DENNIS CHURCH.

ber of the N. E. S. Conference, taught school. The established Church (Presbyterian) was so bitter towards the ranting. shouting Methodists that some locked their wives out of doors when they attended the meetings. Conversions were numerous, a class was formed, a parish society organized, and in 1835 a church costing \$2,000 was built. Captain Elisha Crowell gave the lot, which was staked out by himself and his wife, Roxanna. Rev. William Bailey preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Benjamin Swift was pastor, Browning K. Baker, class leader and chorister. The expenses of preaching were met by the annual sale of pews, a custom continuing to the present.

In 1873, during the pastorate of Rev. Edward Edson, the church was changed from Protestant-Methodist to Methodist-Episcopal, and

the fine parsonage was built during the pastorate of A. E. Hall. Most of the pastors did faithful work and saw souls saved. The church has experienced many trials and seen great changes. The house has been three times enlarged, and both church and parsonage are among the best in New Bedford District. The salary has varied from \$300 to \$1,200, according to



THE WEST DENNIS PARSONAGE.

the business of the place. The names Baker, Crowell, Loring, Childs, Thatcher, and Chase suggest monuments in history and pillars in the church. These names stand for the men and women who were always ready to give money for church building and



REV. J. T. DOCKING.



MRS. J. T. DOCKING.

for sustaining the minister, attending all the means of grace and praying for the success of Zion. The memory of their good deeds still lingers, although most of the fathers have been gathered home.



S. COVIL, Sunday School Superintendent.

During the present year great and important improvements have been made in the church property. A very convenient new chapel has been built, with an opening from the main audience room, having also a ladies' parlor. The audience room itself has been wholly refurnished with new carpet, new stained glass windows and beautiful new antique oak circular pews. These improvements have cost about \$2,500, and all has been paid. While these pages are passing through the press a gracious series of revival services are being held in the church, from which glorious results are anticipated.

PASTORS.

1873-75. Edward Edson 1875-78. Almon E. Hall 1878. R. W. C. Farnsworth 1879-80. Sam'l M. Beale

1881-82.	Asa N. Bodfish	1891.	D. N. Stafford
1883.	Merrick Ransom	1892-93.	R. M. Wilkins
1884-86.	George A. Grant	1894-96.	J. G. Gammons
1887-88.	Charles S. Morse	1897	J. T. Docking
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PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—E. E. Crowell, Sears Crowell, S. C. Studley, Andrew Baker, Alexander Baker, P. H. Crowell, Horatio B. Baker, O. K. Baker.

Stewards—S. Covil (R. S.), E. E. Crowell, H. P. Crowell (D. S.), S. C. Studley, A. Baker, O. K. Baker, Willard Crowell, R. D. Kelley, Mrs. M. K. Kenyon, Mrs. Olive Baxter.

Sunday School—Superintendent, S. Covil; Librarian, William Loring; Secretary, May Darling; Treasurer, Hattie Baxter; Organist, Lizzie Kelley; Chorister, R. Ina Crowell. Teachers, E. E. Crowell, Lillian Kelley, Mary Covil, J. T. Docking, Hattie Baxter, Sophia Crowell, Olive Baxter, Ida Pickering, Mercy Kenyon, Roderick Kelley, R. Ina Crowell, Addie Garfield.

Christian Endeavor—President, R. Ina Crowell; Vice-President, Addie Garfield; Treasurer, Hattie Baxter; Secretary, Ida Love; Corresponding Secretary, Sadie Baxter.

M. E. CHURCH, WEST FALMOUTH, MASS.

In the year 1850 one of the Falmouth ministers came to the village and held a meeting, the result of which was a number of con-



WEST FALMOUTH CHURCH.

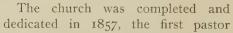
versions, among which were Captain J. H. Bowman and wife and Mrs. E. S. Wicks and J. M. Lumbert. This revival was carried on

by others, persons coming from different parts of the town. Marshal Grew was one of these earnest workers.

A class was formed with E. Packard as leader. Some of the young converts were forbidden to attend this class, but the difficulties

they encountered made them all the stronger.

Rev. William H. Stetson preached here in the old schoolhouse in 1852. In 1854-56 Josiah C. Allen was appointed here and at East Falmouth. It was not until 1857 that an organization was perfected. In that year a building committee was chosen composed of Asa S. Tobey, Braddock Baker, Gideon H. Baker, Reuben Landers and Silas J. Eldred. They employed Alvin Crowell to erect a church. The first members, who were dismissed from the Falmouth church, numbered twenty-two.



in the new church being Charles A. Carter, who remained two years, 1858-59, returning again in 1863 and remaining until 1865.

Under the pastorate of Rev. Moses Brown a gracious revival



REV. H. G. CURLESS.

J. H. BOWMAN, Sunday School Superintendent.



AMASA BAXTER, Epworth League President.

came to the place. His name is often mentioned by the older members. The church, though not strong, has more than double the

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number of members it had at its organization. The young people are among its most efficient workers. The membership numbers forty-six and two probationers.

PASTORS.

1858-60.	Charles A. Carter	1887.	A. C. Bell
1860-62.	Edmund Colby	1887.	Benjamin C. Gillis
1863-64.	Charles A. Carter	1887.	Thomas Whiteside
1865-67.	Richard Dorr	1888.	George M. Meese
1867-69.	A. S. Edgerly	1889.	T. L. Rounds
1870-71.	Moses Brown	1890.	L. H. Massey
1872-74.	S. Hamilton Day	1891.	J. E. Meade
1879-80.	J. S. Davis	1892.	E. C. Dixon
1881-82.	E. H. Hatfield	1893.	T. B. White
1883-84.	J. O. Denning	1894	H. G. Curless
1885-86.	W. H. Summers		

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—J. H. Bowman, A. J. Hamblin, J. W. Avery, R. E. Bowman, C. O. Hamblin, H. M. Bowman, Amasa Baxter, S. F. Swift, Fred N. Bowman.

Stewards—J. H. Bowman, E. S. Wicks, A. J. Hamblin, R. L. Bowman, John West, E. A. Hamblin, Alice B. Landers, H. E. Gifford, E. H. Bowman, J. E. Bowman, Annie Bowman, Emily Hamblin.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Joseph H. Bowman; Assistant Superintendent, Hannah E. Gifford; Secretary and Treasurer, Amasa Baxter; Librarian, Roswell Gifford.

Epworth League—President, Amasa Baxter; Vice-Presidents Department of Spiritual Work, Miss Alice B. Landers; Mercy and Help, Mrs. Christina H. Crowell; Literary Department, Roswell T. Gifford; Social Work, Mrs. Mary Bowman.

M. E. CHURCH, WESTPORT POINT, MASS.

As early as 1818 Rev. Nathan Paine came into this village and preached in private houses and school-houses. His visits were fortnightly. A few were converted, and formed a class, the first three members of which were Rachel Macomber, Mary Underwood, and Betsey Cornell whom Paine baptized. The latter was succeeded by Rev. Calvin Brewer, who in turn was followed by Revs. J. W. Chase and D. Dorcester. The present church society was formed in 1830 with the following members: Abner Davis, Israel Macomber, Simeon Macomber, Edward Hazard, Otis Macomber, Thomas Durfee, Rachel Macomber, Betsey Cornell, Mary Underwood, Dorothy Manchester and Diana Manchester. The first trustees were: Abner Davis, Israel

Macomber, and Edward Hazard, and the deed of the lot on which the first meeting-house was built was given in their name. The meetinghouse was built by Joseph Cornell, was "raised" July 27, 1832, in the afternoon, and finished the following fall. It's cost was about \$800. It was situated about a mile north of the present location of the church on the opposite side of the road near a huge rock. The land was purchased of Captain Barney Hicks for twenty-four dollars. After the house was built the pews were sold to aid in defraying the expenses over and above the subscriptions. A small debt remained. tenor of the deed the church must have been purely Methodistic, for it admits those only to preach from its pulpit who have been regularly authorized to preach in our churches, and the deed most emphatically asserts that the chapel was erected for the benefit of those who desire to attend the ministry of the M. E. Church. About the fall of 1842 the house was moved southward, and placed on the corner of the present village cemetery. It was enlarged and new pews put in, which were sold to defray expenses. Thomas Durfee took an active part in the enterprise, as well as the pastor then stationed here, Rev. W. Simmons. Up to 1846, or thereabouts, the charge was connected with that at Little Compton, R. I., about ten miles west. Though the two formed a circuit, the records show they were separate so far as their individual interests were concerned.

The present writer is indebted to Rev. J. G. Gammons for most of the above painstaking record. During the succeeding pastorate of Rev. O. A. Farley the subject of a new church began to be agitated during the summer of 1882. A subscription book was opened and met with unexpected success. A building committee was organized, consisting of O. A. Farley, Andrew Hicks, Horatio Brownell, Simeon Macomber, C. T. Allen. The site chosen was on the opposite corner of the cross-road from where the old church stood, but on the same side of Main Street. This gave a fine, large lot, ample for a commodious and beautiful church, with warm, comfortable barn in rear. Ground was broken on May 1, 1883, and the work progressed rapidly through the summer under the efficient lead of Contractor Thomas B. Earle, of this place, aided by the wise counsel of the committee. Andrew Hicks generously aided in defraying the expenses to the amount of nearly one-fourth the cost. This was a little over \$5,300, and on April 2, 1884, the church was dedicated, debt free, Rev. C. B. Pitblado preaching the sermon.

During the pastorate of Rev. John Livesey several beautiful stained-glass windows with others of ground glass were placed in the church at an expense of about four hundred dollars. Several valuable improvements were also made during Rev. B. F. Raynor's pastorate.

Thus, under the indefatigable labors of Rev. O. A. Farley and others, the Society possesses the finest public building in the township. It is comfortably seated with 150 opera chairs and when the vestry opposite the pulpit is thrown into the main room, the church can easily accommodate three hundred people. The site of the old church, after the latter was disposed of, was thrown into the cemetery, and burial lots sold. Recently a new wall has been built along its north side, and the old one repaired, and the cemetery cleared up at an expense of \$265.

The whole village is interested in the support of its church, and during the season an excellent class of summer visitors give material aid. Among these may be mentioned the Rev. Chas. Cuthbert Hall,



REV. JOHN THOMPSON.

D. D., who for the past twenty years has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, and who has recently been elected president of Union Theological Seminary, New York. Dr. Hall has a summer residence on Elbridge Heights, and with his family is a faithful attendant at public worship, usually preaching several times during the summer to the great delight of large audiences. Until recently the church has been without a parsonage. In November, 1806, Mr. Simeon Macomber, who will be recalled as one of the original members, died at the ripe age of 84, and left his commodious residence for parsonage purposes.

PASTORS.

1832-34.	D. Banister	1844-45.	A. H. Newton
1835.	H. Holaway and D. H. Smith	1846. 1847.	El. A. Standish
1836-37.	G. Winchester and P.	1848.	Edward B. Hinckley
-0.0	Crandon D. Sharman and P.	1849.	L. Cady Charles Hazard
1838.	B. Sherman and B. Cady		George Burnham
1839.	No Stationed Preacher		Asa N. Bodfish
1840-41.	George Winchester, B.		George H. Cooley
' '	Brown and C. Will-		B. L. Sayer
	iams		S. S. Cummings
1842.	L. Harlow and W. Sum-		C. C. Adams
	mers and J. W.		C. H. Skidmore
	Casey		P. Crandon
1843.	N. Tainter	1867-68.	R. F. Macy

1869-71. 1872-73. 1874.	E. G. Babcock Nelson Chase E. C. Ferguson and S. Hamilton Day	1882-83. 1884-86. 1887-89. 1890.	O. A. Farley W. E. Kugler M. Ransom John Livesey
1875-77.	Solomon P. Snow	1891-94.	B. F. Raynor W. D. Woodward John Thompson
1878.	Charles Stokes	1895-96.	
1879-81.	J. G. Gammons	1897	

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—Edward M. Boyce, Cornelius T. Allen, John A. Davis, Charles P. Sowle, Jehiel Baker.

Stewards—C. T. Allen, J. Baker, E. M. Boyce, Isaac H. Lake, Hannah Boyce, Rebecca Howland, Emma B. Cory, Julia A. Davis, Clara Macomber, Mary Frances Sowle.

Sunday School—Superintendent, Jehiel Baker; Assistant Superintendent, Clara Macomber; Librarians, Stacy J. Boyce, E. M. Boyce, Jr.; Teachers, Bible Class, Pastor; Infant Class, Mrs. E. M. Boyce; Rebecca Howland, Clara Macomber, M. Frances Sowle.

Organist-Addie E. Sowle.

Epworth League—President, Pastor; First Vice-President, J. Baker; Second Vice-President, Rebecca Howland; Third Vice-President, Clara Macomber; Fourth Vice-President, Laura Brightman; Secretary and Treasurer, Addie E. Sowle.

M. E. CHURCH, WHITMAN, MASS.

From Church Records.

Some time previous to January, 1874, a movement was made by a few Methodists and other friends of the cause of Christ to establish a Methodist preaching service in Union Hall, South Abington, Mass.,



WHITMAN CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

and a committee was appointed to secure subscriptions for that purpose.

On Wednesday evening, December 31, 1873, a prayer-meeting was held in the office of H. H. Brigham, who opened the meeting by reading the Scriptures and offering prayer.

A brother present on that occasion (Ambrose Bosworth), prayed that "this might be the beginning of better things in our midst," and "that God would do better for them than they had faith to ask for." That prayer has been answered.

A sufficient amount was raised to support preaching and H. H. Brigham, although not a Methodist, agreed to furnish hall, heat and



REV. O. E. JOHNSON.



MRS. O. E. JOHNSON.

light for one year, and continued to give liberally in support of the enterprise until his death in June, 1879.

The first preaching service was held January 4, 1874, and was conducted by Rev. G. H. Gregory, of the School of Theology, Boston University.

Arrangements were afterward made with Rev. G. H. Baker of the same school to supply the pulpit until the annual meeting of the Providence Conference.

At this session of Conference, with Bishop Peck as Presiding Bishop, March 30, 1874, Rev. E. L. Hyde was appointed preacher-incharge of South Abington station.

The first quarterly Conference was held May 8, 1874, with Rev. W. V. Morrison, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

A large Sunday School was now in a flourishing condition, and everything indicated a bright future for this young society.

Ground was broken for the chapel building on land given by Dunbar, Hobart and Whidden, Thursday, July 28, 1876.

Building operations immediately began, and the chapel was completed and dedicated, February 24, 1877, the dedicatory services being conducted by Rev. W. V. Morrison, Presiding Elder.

Bishop Randolph S. Foster preached in the morning a powerful sermon from Romans i, 20: "His eternal power and Godhead." Rev. Lewis B. Bates preached in the afternoon, and a service of prayer and praise was held in the evening.

During the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Starr a great work of grace began and scores of new-born souls found "peace in believing and joy



H. H. TRIPP, Sunday School Superintendent,



BENJAMIN HODGSON, Epworth League President.

in the Holy Ghost." A parsonage lot was at this time purchased, and in September, 1885, a nice comfortable house was completed, and Rev. Silas Sprowls, the pastor, was the first to occupy it.

Under the supervision of Rev. O. A. Farley, 1892-94, extensive alterations were made on the church, and there is now a commodious church building, in which from Sabbath to Sabbath gathers a congregation of happy people.

An extensive revival interest was manifest in the early part of 1896, which resulted in many additions to the church which meant much to its future. The present membership is 146.

Situated as it is in a community that is growing and in which it is the only place of worship, it will in the future as in the past prove a power in extending the kingdom of God upon earth.

PASTORS.

1874-76.	Edward L. Hyde	1886.	Webster Millar
1877-79.	William H. Starr	1886-88.	James I. Bartholomew
1880-81.	James G. Switzer	1889-91.	Louis M. Flocken
1881-82.	George A. Reader, Jr.	1892-94.	Orville A. Farley
1882-84.	S. Hamilton Day	1895	Oscar E. Johnson
1885-86.	Silas Sprowls		

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—I. F. Bosworth, J. D. Benson, E. M. Valentine, Lucius Cook, Edwin Bryant, J. E. Jennie, Ambrose Bosworth, J. G. Higgins, I. F. Thayer.

Stewards—Paul Black (D. S.), George W. Bloomstrand (R. S.), Daniel Brown, H. N. Winslow, S. M. Ryder, William F. Stacy, W. R. Hammett, Herbert Tripp, Henry Bryant, Benjamin Hodgson, Harry Bosworth, Arthur K. Stevens.

Sunday School—Superintendent, H. H. Tripp; Assistant Superintendent, W. R. Hammett; Secretary, A. K. Stevens; Treasurer, Mrs. Rosie L. Stevens; Librarian, S. M. Ryder.

Teachers—Mrs. Lillian Skaling, Mrs. Lura Blanchard, Mrs. Mary Crowell, Edwin Bryant, Miss Effie Ryder, Miss Mae Crowell, Miss Annie Brown, Miss Myra Keene, Horatio Winslow, Mrs. W. R. Hammett, Mrs. J. E. Tibbetts, Miss C. M. Pratt, Mrs. Edwin Bryant, J. E. Tibbetts, Mrs. Clara Harwood.

Epworth League—President, Benjamin Hodgson; First Vice-President, Miss Myra Keene; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Flora Turple; Third Vice-President, ——; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Ella Bryant; Secretary, Miss Effic Ryder; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. R. Hammett; Treasurer, Harry Bosworth.









DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR CONFERENCE.

T. B. GURNEY. 1847-'84

A. W. SEAVEY. 1874-'86 C. M. ALVORD. 1858-'73

1874-'86 1858-'73

The dates indicate the years spent in the ministry.

S. Leader. 1844-'83

M. E. CHURCH, WOODS HOLL, MASS.

Methodism early came to Woods Holl. About eighty years ago Father Otis came this way as a herald of the gospel. Subsequently Methodist preachers came from Falmouth and held occasional services in the village schoolhouse. These services were well attended,



WOODS HOLL CHURCH.

but no organization was effected, and those who were converted joined the society at Falmouth.

The social meetings and the Sunday School were held in private houses. The home of Marshal Grew was made to resound with the voice of prayer and praise for twenty years. Mr. Grew was a pioneer Methodist, who knew in whom he believed, and the fulness of his joy and confidence in Christ often found expression in a hearty shout. His home was one of the familiar stopping places for the early preachers, who found there a Christian welcome and hospitable reception. Mrs. E. E. Swift, the daughter of Mr. Grew, and the oldest living member, often received the Sunday School into her own house.

The class meeting was held at the home of Sanford Herendeen, an old patriarch of the church, who passed over to his reward about two years ago. He is said to have been a man powerful in the Scriptures and abundant in labors. Often, after a hard day's work, he and



REV. O. L. UTTER.

Father Grew would walk several miles and hold a religious service, expounding the Scriptures and exhorting the people. From about 1840 to 1870 he carried on his tireless service for the Master in his own house. At the last his mind became deranged as to common things, but he seemed to retain all his old religious power and a mind remarkably clear and discerning in the truths of the Bible.

In 1879 the present church building was erected, being dedicated by Rev. Mr. Phillips of New Bedford, in September of the same year. The lot was presented by Mrs. Grew and family. The building cost

about \$2,500 as it then stood. In 1890, about \$600 was expended in improvements and furnishings, making the present value of building and grounds about \$3,300. A vestry below the auditorium was rented



T. T. HOWES, Sunday School Superintendent.



C. F. HAMMOND. Epworth League President.

as a store room for a few years, which assisted greatly in cancelling the debt on the building. It is now used for the Epworth League and social meetings.

During the first few years there was no church organization, and different ministers occupied its pulpit. On the evening of July 24, 1884, Rev. W. V. Morrison preached and organized the Methodist-Episcopal Church. The record says that nine persons were recog-





WM. F. DONALDSON, Layman. SANFORD HENDERSON, Layman.

nized as members, having been connected with other Methodist churches. Three were received into full membership and nine were received on probation, among them the present class leader. Of these early members, eight still remain in the church, some have moved away and some have joined the church triumphant.

Rev. R. H. Dorr was appointed pastor and Vinal N. Edwards the first class leader. During the pastorate of Rev. R. C. Westenberg (1894-95) a blessed revival occurred, through which many were brought into the church. Among the number was the present Epworth League president.

A few years ago the population of the town was decreased by the failure of an important business enterprise, and with it the membership of the church, which now numbers thirty. The church was probably never more harmonious than at the present. All departments of work are carried on and all is free from debt.

PASTORS.

1884-85.	Richard H. Dorr	1891-93.	J. D. King
1885-87.	J. B. Smith		E. W. Eldridge
1887-88.	L. M. Flocken	/ / / /	R. C. Westenberg
1888.	Henry Pearce		Fay Donaldson
	C. E. Todd		O. L. Utter
т880-от.	M B Wilson		

PRESENT OFFICIARY.

Trustees—Henry M. Grew, William F. Donaldson, George E. David, H. C. Googins, C. F. Hammond, T. E. Howes, George C. Look.

Stewards—Henry M. Grew, Elizabeth McLeish, Mrs. Ella F. Robinson, Mrs. E. E. Swift, George C. Look, Mrs. T. E. Howes, Mrs. H. C. Googins, Mrs. James H. Davis, William F. Donaldson, George E. David, H. C. Googins, C. F. Hammond, T. E. Howes.

Sunday School—Superintendent, T. T. Howes; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Clarence Gifford; Secretary and Treasurer, H. C. Googins; Librarian, Mertie Crowell; Assistant Librarian, Waldo Gifford; Organist, Mrs. T. E. Howes; Assistant Organist, Miss Grace Eldridge. Teachers, Mrs. Ella Robinson, Miss Minnie Nickerson, Mrs. G. C. Look and Pastor.

Epworth League—The League was organized November 8, 1891. The devotional meetings are held at 6.30 Sunday evenings. It is intended to hold a business meeting and a social each month. The present membership is twenty-seven, and the following are the officers: President, Charles F. Hammond; First Vice-President, Mrs. Ella Robinson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. T. E. Howes; Third Vice-President, Mrs. C. F. Hammond; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. G. C. Look.

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

By Mrs. Rev. J. H. James.

The growth of this Society has been phenomenal. Its inception was due to the conviction of its founders that God called them to such service and it quickly spread through the churches. This history would not be complete without a recognition of the relation of the Conference to this great work.

Very soon after its organization, in 1870, the first auxiliary within our bounds was formed at Brockton, Mass., after an address by Mrs. Rev. E. W. Parker, of India. Mrs. J. H. James was chosen President. During the following months local organizations sprang up on all the Districts. Mrs. Rev. James Mather, Mrs. Rev. W. V. Morrison, and others rendered valuable aid in this pioneer work. Mrs. Rev. S. L. Gracey was the first Conference Secretary and gave the work a new impulse. Her successor was Mrs. George F. Martin, of Providence, whose faithful labors during several years resulted in a large increase of membership and contributions.

In March, 1881, Mrs. Rev. J. H. James was appointed secretary for

the New England Southern Conference, which position she still holds. During her first year ten new Auxiliaries were formed and 506 members were added. Year by year the work has steadily advanced. Since 1881 more than \$55,000 have been raised within our Conference bounds for this object, \$2,000 of this came at different times from one "Friend of Missions" whose name we are not permitted to give. A few bequests and special gifts, ranging from \$25 to \$1,000 each, have come into the treasury, but nearly all has come from annual subscriptions, the small contribution of self-sacrificing people, and the



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pennies in the children's mite boxes. There are now nearly 100 local organizations with about 2,000 members.

The work among children and young people is of great value. In the "Young Women's Societies," Children's "Mission Bands," and "Little Light Bearer's Circles" the workers of the future are being trained.

The reflex influence of work in behalf of missions has been illustrated in our Conference. Not only has it awakened zeal and helped to prepare women for better service on all lines, but we have been represented in mission fields by three ladies, two of the same family. Mrs. Mary F. Scranton, reared on our territory, the daughter of Rev. Erastus Benton, was the first of our missionaries in Korea, where she has labored assiduously and successfully for many years. Miss Emma J. Benton, daughter of Rev. J. T. Benton, devoted herself to the mission in Japan until under arduous labors in an unfavorable climate her health failed. She is now the wife of Rev. G. W. Elmer of this Conference. Miss Mary E. Bowen went in 1888 from Warren, R. I., to South America, where she is making a good record, especially as an instructor in our schools.

Miss Josephine Carr, of Warren, R. I., made a tour of our stations in India, China, Korea, and Japan, remaining some months to render, without compensation, much needed aid in the last mission. She has since been Home Secretary of the Branch, has imparted valuable information, and her addresses and her letters have cheered, encouraged, and guided many a worker.

A corps of District Secretaries hard to be excelled have faithfully attended to the home work through all these years.

The literature of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is specially commended. Mrs. Rev. O. W. Scott of Campello (Brockton), Mass., is a member of the "Literature Committee," and has contributed highly-prized leaves and tracts. She is also the gifted editor of that bright and helpful monthly, "The Children's Missionary Friend," that is having a very large circulation throughout the Sunday Schools of Methodism.

For more than twenty years Mrs. L. A. Alderman, widow of Rev. M. P. Alderman, has been Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch, devoting her entire time and energies to this cause. A wise counsellor, able to look at a question from all sides, thoroughly consecrated to the Master, her influence in our missions as well as in the home land has been constant benediction.

Such has been the part of the women of the New England Southern Conference in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Yet not more than one-third of them have been enlisted. When will the others awake to their high privilege in helping to send the gospel to their sisters sitting in darkness?

REV. J. H. NUTTING AND HIS WORK.

Rev. J. H. Nutting was born in Rhode Island, of the oldest New England stock, in the year 1841. At twelve years of age he began work as an operative in the Rhode Island Bleach Works, since which time he has been self-supporting. His preparatory education was secured with much difficulty and self-denial, without assistance from any educational society, in public and private schools, with private tutors, and at Eureka College, graduating with the degree of A. B. in the class of 1867. After a period of teaching he was received on trial in Providence Conference in 1870, in a class of fourteen; two years later he was ordained deacon by Bishop Ames, in a class of eighteen; and two years later he was ordained Elder by Bishop Peck in a class of eighteen. He has always been on the effective list, has never been sick, and has never even wished to be transferred to another Conference.

He was first appointed to his present work, that of Religious Instructor at the State Institutions at Cranston, R. I., in 1889, being the first minister of the M. E. Church to hold this or any similar position in the state. These institutions are seven in number, viz., State



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Prison, House of Correction, Providence County Jail, Insane Hospital, Alms House, Sockanosset School for Boys, and Oaklawn School for Girls, located at different points on a tract of some 700 acres, eight miles south of Providence, with six chapels and an aggregate population of 2,153, at the date of this writing.

The Rhode Island system has many unique features, not the least of which is that all state, penal, correctional and charitable institutions are wholly beyond political control, officials of every grade being appointed for their

supposed ability to do the work of their several positions, and no man being ever removed save for some cause affecting injuriously his efficiency.

It may be said that the religious needs of these many unfortunate persons are not neglected, there being conducted among them, including Sunday-schools, from thirteen to fifteen services of worship



SOCKANOSSET SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

on each Lord's day. The calls made upon Mr. Nutting on other days by those wishing personal attention are numerous, and of a character such as to tax mind, heart and strength to the utmost.

SILAS S. CUMMINGS AND HIS WORK.

Silas S. Cummings was born May 22, 1814. He, with five other children, were left orphans at an early age. His early opportunities for education were limited. He was converted in 1837 at some Methodist meeting in Saco, Me. He felt a call to preach and



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left a lucrative position in the mills to enter Kent's Hill Seminary to prepare for the ministry. While in school he was sent to Montville, Me., where there had been no religious services for years. A church with forty members was the result of that year's work. In 1854 he was transferred to the New Hampshire Conference and stationed at Bristol. In 1857 he was transferred to the New England Southern Conference and stationed at Portsmouth. In 1863 he was appointed chaplain of the 4th R. I. Reg't. In 1868 during a very successful pastorate at Pascoag, he was invited to be Missionary Agent

of the Little Wanderers' Home, Boston. Since then he has served the Home with rare ability and usefulness. He has addressed nearly five thousand public meetings in its interest and raised tens of thousands of dollars for it. Countless thousands of happy hearts scattered all over the country look back in gratitude to him for his sympathy and help in saving them when young from lives of sin and suffering.

JOSEPH H. JAMES AND HIS WORK.

Joseph Henry James, Secretary of the Connecticut Temperance Union, was born in Mt. Holly, New Jersey, April 18, 1835. His parents were Methodists. His mother, Mary D. James, was widely known as a writer for "The Guide to Holiness," and the author of many hymns, some of which are still highly prized. He was led to Christ in early childhood, joined the church in youth, and began his pulpit labors while yet a student at Pennington Seminary. He entered Wesleyan University in the class of 1857, but failing eyes prevented his going farther than the Sophomore class. His first charge was Westfield, N. J. He was admitted to the New Jersey Conference

in 1856, receving his first appointment from Bishop Simpson on his twenty-first birthday. After seven years in New Jersey pastorates he was for one year Chaplain of the Third Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, laboring acceptably and usefully with the men at the front. At the expiration of his term of service in September, 1864, while visiting his parents, then in New England, he was invited to the pastorate of the First Church, Fall River, Mass. The next spring he was transferred to the Providence Conference. There is no one now a member of the Conference whose pastorate of his first four churches—Fall River, Warren, R. I., Brockton or Provincetown, Mass.—dates



JOSEPH HENRY JAMES.

back of that of Mr. James. His efforts have always been to get and deliver messages from God and do faithful pastoral work rather than to elaborate discourses, and his chief usefulness has probably been in edifying Christians, though in every charge he witnessed conversions and additions to the church. Perhaps his most remarkable work was at Rockville, Conn., where a church debt of \$26,000 was removed, but in each of his charges there are those who remember him and his excellent wife with affectionate interest. The Connecticut Temperance Union was orgaized in 1865, with William A. Buckingham, the noted

"War Governor," as its first president. It is a non-partisan, interdenominational organization, seeking to "promote total abstinence from all alcoholic drinks and the overthrow of the traffic in them." At the close of his pastorate in Plymouth, in 1890, Mr. James was invited to the secretaryship of the society. He has ever since devoted himself to the work of this society. In addition to public work he has kept up a large official correspondence and edited the various publications of the society. For four years these have included a monthly paper, "The Connecticut Citizen." In these arduous labors his health has been wonderfully preserved. He now resides in Rockville, Conn.



SUPERANNUATES AND SUPERNUMERARIES.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

(There were a few whose biographies we failed to get.)

GEORGE W. ANDERSON was born Jan. 19, 1846. Was converted at the age of sixteen and licensed and began to preach as a local preacher when eighteen years of age. He took the full course at Boston University, School of Theology, graduating with the class of '67. In 1867, at the age of twenty-one, he joined the New York East Conf., and in 1872 joined Providence (New Eng. South) Conf., having, among other appointments New London, Providence Trinity, and Pawtucket, First Church. One of many revivals, occurred at New London, when some two hundred and fifty persons, professed conversion. While he was stationed at Pawtucket a long-standing debt of \$6,000 was cancelled. On two different charges movements were begun, which resulted in the purchasing of parsonages. He was superannuated in 1866, and resides in Providence, R. I.

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CARLOS BANNING was born in Lyme, Ct., Nov. 10, 1819, and is the son of Philemon and Mary (Millard) Banning. His early education, with the exception of two years at a country school when eight years old, was acquired in a cotton mill, where he spent the long hours from daylight till 8 P. M. An elder brother, however, taught the children arithmetic on Sundays, progressing "as far as The Rule of Three." When a lad in his teens a broken arm gained in a chestnutting expedition, stopped his work and changed the whole course of his life. While attending the school of Nelson Goodrich (then a student at Wilbraham, but afterward a preacher of the Providence Conference) in South Glastonbury, he and an older brother were converted under the ministry of George May. He entered Wilbraham Academy, studying summers and teaching winters to supply deficiencies. In this way he fitted for college, but becoming convinced of his duty to preach the gospel, he entered the Biblical Institute at Concord instead. Graduated in 1850, and united with the old Providence Conference. He was married April 6, 1852, to Miss Harriet E. Pitman, daughter of William R. Pitman of New Bedford, Mass. His first charge was at Federal Street (now Broadway), Providence, R. I., as its first regular pastor. In all his pastorates numbers were added to the churches; North Dighton and East Bridgewater especially being the scenes of extensive revivals, in many instances, whole families being converted. In the spring of 1866, owing to his own ill health and continued sickness in his family, he was obliged to take a supernumerary relation to the Conference, but continued to supply the pulpit of churches as he was able. In four of our churches he was the first pastor. Since taking a supernumetal relation, he has been unable to preach, but has been a member of the Quarterly Conference of First Church, Newport.

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JOSIAH TOWNE BENTON was born in Tolland, Conn., April 10, 1828. He attended the common schools and studied a few months in a private institution. Books have been his chief instructors and experience his school for a life time. In early manhood he began a business career but soon became conscious of a call to preach. In May, 1853, the Quarterly Conference at East Glastonbury, Conn., licensed him to preach. The following September he was placed in charge of the church in Tolland. In 1854 he joined the Conference. His appointments were Tolland, Lyme and East Lyme, Lebanon; New Bedford, Fourth Street; Taunton, First Church; Providence, Centre Church; Stafford Springs; East Greenwich; Providence, Eddy Street; Centercyille, R. I.; Thompsonville; Uncasville and Niantic. In 1879 failing health compelled him to retire from active work. Nearly all his pastorates were marked by some measure of revival interest. The present church edifice at Stafford Springs was built during his pastorate there. The church property in several other charges was considerably improved under his administration. For more than twenty years he has resided in Niantic, Conn.

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Great revival interest was shown at East Harwich, Marshfield, Provincetown, Nantucket and Sagamore. The church property was improved at Marshfield, South Harwich, Cataumet and Quarry Street, Fall River. He took the superannuate relation in 1896, after forty-six years of active service and now resides in Chilmark, Mass.

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DENISON LEDYARD BROWN was born in Norwich, Conn., Nov. 26, 1836. He gained his education in the public schools of Norwich, and Colchester, Conn., and was converted at Willimantic campmeeting, Sept. 6, 1860. He enlisted in Co. H, 21st Regt. Conn. Volunteers. August 8, 1832, was promoted to second lieutenant Sept. 5, 1862, and was discharged because of physical disabilities incurred in the service. He joined Conference in 1865. At East Thompson, his first appointment, fifty-six young people were converted the first winter. This included nearly all the young people in the community. At Staffordville in the winter of 1870 there were about thirty conversions. There were revivals both winters at East Glastonbury, 1870-71. At Wapping, in the fall of 1874, the Methodist and Congregationalist churches, united in revival work, and owing to the illness and death of the pastor of the Congregational church, Mr. Brown served as pastor of both churches for some four months, and there was a general quickening of the churches, and about forty conversions, one of whom was an infidel who had not been inside a church for twenty years. During the years of '77-'79 at Warehouse Point he succeeded in straightening the tangle in church property, caused by the loss of early records and gathering in and caring for the fruits of a gracious revival that preceded his pastorate there. In 1881—forty conversions rewarded his work at Mystic. In 1882—a debt of \$900 was paid and the church was remodeled at an expense of \$1,500. At Arnolds Mills, in 1890, a Christian Endeavor Society with quite a large number of associate members, became, with three exceptions, all active, working Christians. In 1894 because of continued ill health he took a superannuate relation, and was sent by Rev. S. O. Benton, presiding edder to supply at Wanskuck Mission, Providence. At the close of the winter of '96, a pleasant roomy chapel was dedicated at this place as a result of earnest work on the part of Mr. Brown. This chapel was built at a cost of \$1,60

WILLIAM O. CADY was born in Stafford, Conn., May 8, 1821, educated in the public schools and graduated at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass. After teaching one term, he entered the ministry, joining the Providence Conference in 1847. Some of his most important charges were Colchester, Norwich, Rockville, Burnside and Phenix; and in all these appointments, powerful revivals of religion were witnessed. And, indeed, in all his pastorates sinners were converted to God, to whom be all the glory. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

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SETH B. CHASE was born in Paris, Me., Nov. 30, 1818. He attended Kents Hill Academy a part of two terms, but he gained the greater part of his knowledge, by experience in the different charges. He was converted at the age of twenty-one and joined the Maine Conference in 1846, but poor health made it necessary to discontinue work at the close of two years. Having somewhat again regained health, he entered the active ministry again in 1850, remaining ten years in the Maine Conference. In 1870 he joined the New England Southern Conference. Conversions occurred in most of his charges especially in Strong and Norway, Me., and at Harwich, Mass., goodly numbers were brought "into the kingdom." He was superannuated in 1880 at the age of 62. He resides at present at Rocky Hill, Conn.

HENRY W. CONANT was born in Mansfield, Conn., on the 14th of January, 1825. He was educated in the public schools of that town and also by private teachers. He was converted at the age of fifteen and joined the New England Southern Conference in 1852, being stationed, among other places, at Norwich, Conn., Sachem Street and East Main Street. Large numbers were converted at Bolton, Somers, and East Haddam, while conversions occurred in every charge. Under his leadership a new church was built at Bolton, and at Somers the church was moved to a new location, was repaired and refurnished, the expenses being all provided for. While he was stationed at Sachem Street, Norwich, Conn., the church debt was cancelled, while at Uncasville a parsonage costing \$3,300 was bought and paid for. Through all the years of his ministry he has been identified with the temperance work, and at his suggestion in 1868 a movergent was commenced which resulted in the organization of the Conference Temperance Society and served for several years as its president. For fifteen years he acted. without compensation, as secretary of East Greenwich Academy. He was granted the supernumerary relation in 1888.

LEWIS E. DUNHAM was born in Marlborough, Conn., Nov. 19, 1825. He was educated at Wilbraham Academy and the Theological school at Concord, N. H., now Boston University. He joined the Providence (New England Southern), Conference in 1884. The largest number of conversions occurred at Niantic, Conn., in 1866, and at North Grosvenordale, Conn., in 1869. At Staffordville, Conn., in 1864-65 a debt of \$700 was paid off. At Moosup, Conn., in 1870-71 a church was built. He was granted supernumerary relation in 1872 and now resides in Providence, R. I.

JAMES O. DODGE was born August 7, 1838. He was educated in a country school, three months in a year, from the age of 10 to 15 years. He entered the ministry in 1870. Revivals and conversions occurred on all his charges, especially at Gurleyville, Hockanum and Attawallgan. At the last named place 75 were received on probation in one day and about 125 during one year. He was granted a supernumerary relation in 1895, and resides in Norwich Town, Conn.

EDWARD EDSON was born in Yarmouth, Mass., Oct. 2, 1834; was blessed with devoted Christian parents; and was converted when fourteen years of age under the labors of Rev. Nahum Tainter. He was licensed to preach by Rev. Paul Townsend, presiding elder. He prepared for college at Wilbraham, Mass., entered Wesleyan University in 1856 and graduated in 1860. He married Miss Almira Cobb of Barnstable. He joined the Providence (New England Southern) Conference, 1861. Has been stationed at Duxbury, Osterville, North Easton, Vineyard Haven, Chatham, West Dennis, Wellfleet, Taunton, Mass.; Bristol, Pascoag, R. I. He was presiding elder of Norwich District from 1856-88. His whole ministry has been blessed with a good work of grace, and a goodly number of conversions on nearly every charge, has blessed his labors.

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SAMUEL FOX was born in London, Eng., March 21, 1813, and there received an academical education. He entered the ministry in the year 1843 within the bounds of the New England Southern Conference and has always served within its limits. From 1843 to 1860 he continued in regular active service. On account of failing health, he then, for two years became superannuated, but returned to active work in 1862 and so continued till 1890; from that date he has been on the superannuated list. His years of active service have been, under every variety of circumstances, expanded to 45 years. His successes, revivals and enterprises, have been varied and in some of his charges, where, in the general sense, there had been no revival, yet the estimate of the standard of personal piety had been largely elevated, not only throughout the church, but the whole community. However, in its broadest sense God blessed his work in various places with His converting power. At Wellfleet in 1850, East Glassonbury in 1853, and in Pascoag, 1857, wonderfully did the Redeeming Lord manifest His saving Grace, From 1863-68 he had the toilers of the sea under his care, as Chaplain of the New Bedford Port Society. Though brief periods only were allotted them on shore, yet he was permitted to gather in some four score; among whom were two, who have become one a minister, the other a foreign missionary. He now resides in New Bedford, in his eighty-fifth year, weak in the body but strong in the love of the Saviour he has so nobly served.

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EDWARD B. HINCKLEY was born in Osterville, Barnstable town and county, Mass., November 7, 1826, is the son of Mr. Oliver and Louisa Crocker Hinckley. He was led to remember his Creator in the days of his youth, and like Timothy, from a child he learned to know, and love, the holy Scriptures, by the instructions of his grandfathers, grandmothers, father, and mother, and faithful Sabbath school teachers, and ministers of the Gospel who taught the way of life, and salvation, according to the Scriptures. He was converted and baptized, and joined the Church about 1840, soon after received license to exhort, and after a season in study at East Greenwich Academy, and with Rev. George W. Stearns in Barnstable and at Newberry, Vt., with Rev. Osmon C. Baker, in 1844 he commenced to preach the glorious Gospel at Orleans, Mass. In 1845 he was admitted to the Providence (New England Southern) Conference at New Bedford and stationed at Whittenton. In 1847 he married Miss Ruth Freeman Smith of Orleans, Mass. and was ordained deacon and stationed at Salem, Conn. He was superannuated in 1863 and now resides with his daughter in Provincetown, Mass. His life has been all faithfully consecrated to the work of preaching the Gospel.

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EDWARD LAWRENCE HYDE, youngest child of John Hyde and Lucy A. Burrows, was born in the old homestead at Mystic Conn. (now old Mystic), May 21. 1835. The Methodist itinerants were always welcome guests, to his parents, and for years they preached, in the first church built in the village and owned by his father and two uncles. He received his early education in the village schools, at the Conference Seminary, and at Christ Church Hall, Pomfret, Conn. After this he was until twenty-three years of age, engaged in his father's business. In 1859 he was converted, and received into the Methodist Episcopal church during the ministry of Rev. E. L. Stanley. In New York City he studied architecture and followed this with an art course under Johannes A. Oertel of the National Academy. During the late Rebellion he enlisted in the Connecticut cavalry, but on account of a bronchial trouble did not pass, and was discharged. He served the United States government as a draughtsman in the general inspector's office in New York City. In 1868 he was called to the ministry, stationed for three years at South Somerset, Mass., where the church was remodeled from his design. Entered the theological school of Boston University, remained three years and was prime mover while there in the organization of the "Praying Band" of that school which for years did efficient work in and around Boston. In 1874 he married Imogene Adele Clarke, a native of New York, and with her entered upon the work in South Abington, Mass. (now Whitman) where they found neither church organization or church building. On this charge and at Middletown, R. I., and Middleboro, Mass., the revival spirit was effective as seen in the ingathering of many souls. He took the superannuate relation in 1889 on account of the decline of his wife's health.

WILLIAM PENN HYDE, son of John Hyde and Lucy A. Burrows, was born at Mystic, Conn., February 15, 1828 was converted in 1842, and for fifty-five years has lived a consistent life as a devout Christian man. He attended the schools of his native village, was at the Conference Seminary in East Greenwich between two and three years; entered Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn., but his health failed and he did not graduate. Was in business for his father in Mystic, and also was in business there in manufacturing. He married June 6, 1859, Seraphina S. Carr, daughter of William Carr and Temperance Smith. She is a direct descendant of John Tilley and his wife, Bridget Vandervel, passengers in the Mayflower, 1620, and also of Deputy Governor John Green of the Providence Plantations. He entered the ministry 1865, and was stationed at South Somerset, Mass., where he remained three years. In 1881 he removed with his family (his wife and eight children) to Santa Clara, Cal., and is now resident at Palo Alto, where two of his daughters are students in the Leland Stanford University. A faithful pastor and earnest preacher, and progressive man.

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JOHN D. KING was born in Leicester, Mass. Jan. 21, 1822. He was educated at the district school, and a few terms at the local academy, with one year at the Concord Biblical Institute (after having preached three years). He was licensed as an exhorter in 1845, and in the same year was appointed to North Truro. His principal appointments were Thompsonville, New London, North Manchester, Pawtucket, Taunton First Church, Fall River First Church, Newtonville (New England Conference), Chatham and Edgartown. Revivals occured at Thompsonville, Taunton, Fall River and Edgartown. During his pastorate at Manchester, a new vestry was added to the church, also the First Church, Fall River, was raised up and a new vestry added and the audience room was remodeled. Dr. King secured the lot for the Quarry Street Church and raised the first \$2,000 towards its erection. He took the supernumary relation in 1871. In 1872 he established a Sunday School at Cottage City, then Vineyard Grove, and secured the first regular preaching in that place and subsequently organized the church provisionally in that place. He took the superannuate relation 1894, after forty-eight years of active service, and now resides in Cottage City. Dr. King has won a reputation as a professional microscropist.

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won a reputation as a professional microscropist.

GEORGE H. LAMSON was born in 1839 in Lubec, Me., the most eastern town in the United States. He received his preparatory course at East Maine Conference Seminary and Wilbraham Academy. He entered Boston University School of Theology in 1869. He supplied Hanover charge while at the university, and was appointed to Brayton Church, Fall River, in the spring of 1871. Some of his charges have been South Somerset, North Dighton, and Mystic; his last station being South Coventry in 1892-93. In 1894 he was granted the superannuate relation and now resides in East Hampton, Conn., one of his forme, charges.

DUDLEY P. LEAVITT was born in Northwood, N. H., Oct. 5, 1824. He was educated in the public schools of that town, in the New Hampshire Conference Seminary, Northfield, and the Methodist General Biblical Institute, Concord, N. H. He joined the New Hampshire Conference in 1850. In 1866 he was made presiding elder of the Florida District of the South Carolina Mission Conference, and in 1886 he joined the New England Southern Conference, being stationed at New Bedford, County Street. He also served, among others, Providence, Trinity and Chestnut Street, East Weymouth and South Manchester. He has been particularly successful as a revival preacher, even at his last charges, gracious revivals blessed his labors. He was granted the supernumerary relation in 1894 and now resides in Melrose, Mass.

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EDWARD A. LYON was born in Wellesley (then Needham), Mass.. December 18, 1815. He was educated in the public schools, with a few months at Wilbraham. He was converted at the age of 16 on Old Needham Circuit, New England Conference, October, 1832, Abram D. Merrill, preacher in charge. He was licensed to exhort by M. P. Webster at Union, Maine. September, 1838, and was licensed to preach at the Quarterly Conference at East Cambridge, Mass., April, 1839; joined the New England Conference on trial in June, 1839. When this Conference was divided in 1840 he was one of the number set off to the new Providence (New England Southern) Conference. Of the effective years of his ministry 24 were in Massachusetts, 7 in Connecticut, and 11 in Rhode Island. On most of his charges gracious revivals prevailed, the most extensive of these being at Waltham, East Weymouth, North Easton, Warehouse Point and Newport, Thames Street. The church at Eastford was built during his pastorate in 1846 and the church at Newport, Thames Street, was built in 1863 through his efficient labors. He was granted the superannuate relation in 1891, and resides in Acushnet, Mass.—a comfort and helper to the pastor and an inspiration to the people of the place.

W. V. MORRISON was born near West Middlesex, Mercer County, Pa., Jan. 23, 1830. His early years were spent at his home on his father's farm. He graduated at Alleghany College in 1854, and at the Biblical Institute, Concord, N. H., in 1857. He was licensed to preach in March, 1854, and joined the New England Southern Conference in April, 1857. Among his appointments were the following churches: Wellfleet, East Weymouth, Stafford Springs, Norwich, Central Church, Bristol. Large revivals were enjoyed in his pastorates at East Weymouth, Norwich and Bristol. He was presiding elder of Fall River district from 1874 to 1877 and of New Bedford district from 1883 to 1886, twelve successive years

ELMER F. NEWELL was born in Windsorville, Conn., Aug. 19, 1864. His father, Rev. F. C. Newell, was for over 30 years a member of this Conference. He was graduated from Wesleyan University in the class of 1887, and began to

preach (1888) at Osterville and Centreville, Mass. He was married Dec. 4, 1889, to Miss Lucy Phinney Hallett of Centreville, Mass., whose patience in time of trial and whose courage in the midst of despair is worthy of just praise. While stationed at East Glastonbury in 1891 it became necessary for him to stop preaching for a time in order to regain his health. He served as Principal of the High School in Terryville, Conn., a part of the year 1892, but was obliged to resign the position because of nervous trouble. For a time it was a bitter struggle between life and death, but he gradually came out of it, and was at last able to work quietly on a farm. He is slowly regaining his health, and hopes and prays that he shall soon be able to do effective work in the ministry.

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SAMUEL T. PATTERSON was born in Monmouth County, Middletown, N. J., May 25, 1831. His opportunities for education in early life were indeed limited, the district school affording him his only privilege. When but a lad he was converted, and at once was possessed with the conviction that he was called of God, to the ministry. Against the same he fought until about thirty years of age, when he yielded to the call, sacrificing all worldly interest. In the year 1868 he joined the Providence (New England Southern) Conference, and has served among other charges, Middleboro, Central Falls, Pawtucket, Thomson Church and Stoughton. Several charges were blessed with gracious revival influence, viz., Middleboro, where over one hundred were received on probation; Embury Church, Central Falls, R. I., where many were gathered in; also Stoughton, Mass., and Pascoag, R. I., were greatly strengthened. At Litle Compton, R. I., a new church was completed, and was dedicated by Bishop Simpson. A new church was built at Central Falls. He was granted supernumerary relation in 1894 and now resides in Stoughton, Mass. Stoughton, Mass

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FRANCIS D. SARGENT was licensed as an exhorter at Swallow, Vt., in 1861. He entered the Union Army and at the close of the war, renewed his license at Auburn, N. Y. He was licensed as a local preacher at Empire, Mich., 1868. In 1869 he joined the Genesee Conference and was sent to Bradford, Pa., to a divided and scattered church, and since then it has seemed his special work, to reconcile divisions and in various ways prepare the way for his successor. He joined the New England Southern Conference in 1875, preaching at Fairhaven, Scituate, Mapleville and Glendale, and at Nantasket, etc. The early years of his ministry were very successful in work among young men and many revivals were enjoyed. While at Mapleville and Glendale and Fairhaven, revivals occured, during which goodly numbers professed conversion. At Nantasket he instituted services for the summer visitors, resulting in a regular congregation of about two hundred. While at Marshfield in 1892 he suffered from nervous prostration, from which he has never fully recovered. He was made supernumerary in 1897 and resides at Rockland, Mass. land. Mass.

JOHN F. SHEFFIELD was born Jen. 8, 1823. He received the most of his education at Norwich and at Wilbraham Academy. He entered the New England Southern Conference in 1848. Some of his important charges were: Hazardv.lle, Manchester, Provincetown, Centenary Church, Vineyard Haven, and Prov.dence, Asbury Church. Revival interest was manifested in nearly all his charges; but in a dozen instances, or more, the revivals were very powerful. In fifteen charges, improvements were made, including the payment of debts, the placing of three bells in different churches, etc. At East Hartford and Sagamore, parsonages were secured, and while he was at Provincetown, Centenary Church was tegun. In 1890 he was made superannuated and resides in Danielson, Conn.

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J. H. SHERMAN was born in Eastford, Conn., in 1839. His early educational advantages were limited, but he made the most of opportunities by pursuing his studies at home. He was licensed to preach in 1865 and joined the Minnesota Conference in 1866. His work was on frontier circuits receiving more or less aid from the missionary society. The five circuits served in that Conference, aggregated forty-two different regular preaching places. In seventeen of these places he preached the first sermon ever delivered in the neighborhood. There were revivals on all these circuits. The most extensive were on Howard Lake, Silver Lake and Brockway circuits. In two of these instances there were conversions in every family in the neighborhood and in several other places revivals were nearly as successful. In 1872 he was transferred to the New England Southern Conference. There were revivals of general interest in his pastoral charges at Hopeville, Voluntown, Hebronville, Dodgeville, Millville, and Versailles. He has been a superannuate since 1888.

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GEORGE W. STEARNS. M. D., was born in Reading, Vt., Dec. 25, 1814. He was educated in the public schools, the Norwich and Newbury seminaries, and in the Homoeopathic Medical College of Philadelphia, holding also a diploma from the Penn Medical University of Penn. He was converted at Newbury (Vt.), Seminary, Oct. 5, 1834, its eldest son. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church on probation October 9, was licensed to exhort on the West Windsor Circuit June 14, 1835, and to preach June 15, 1836, and the itinerary in July, 1837, in the New Hampshire Conference. Received appointments in four places, and then was transferred to the Providence Conference in June, 1842, and stationed at Barnstable, Mass., and various other places in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Revivals were enjoyed at Barnstable, Wellfleet. West Thompson, Holmes Hole and Bristol. His last pastorate was Wareham, when his health failed, compelling a cessation of his traveling in 1856. He commenced the practice of medicine in New Bedford in 1857, where he remained twenty-two years. He acted as chaplain for the alms house of the city for five years; and filled the pulpit of the Baptist Church at South Dartmouth for one year. He was also accustomed to fill vacancies in most of the churches in the city and surrounding towns. He is at present settled in Winchester, at 50 Washington Street. The oldest itinerant of the New England Southern Conference.

EDWIN S. STANLEY was born in Thompson (now Putnam City), Conn., May 1, 1819. He is a son of Sylvester and Nancy Nichols Stanley. His mother, who was a devoted Christian and Methodist, after the death of her husband, moved to East Woodstock, where there were no Methodist society. She was accustomed to invite Methodist preachers to hold meetings at her house. The final result was a Methodist Church established there. While Mr. Stanley was clerking in a store in Ashford, Conn., under the labors of Rev. Erastus Benton, he joined the church as Eastford on probation. He was married in 1842 to Miss Laura Carpenter and remained several years in West Thompson, Conn., as an architect and builder. He was licensed to preach in 1847 and joined the Conference in 1858. While he was stationed at Arnold's Mills a parsonage and horse sheds were built, mostly by his own hands, while twenty or more were added to the church. During his pastorate at South Manchester a parsonage was built. Mr. Stanley furnished plans for the Stafford Springs Church edifice and for the Thames Street Church, Newport; also for the parsonage at Newport, Marlboro Street. He was granted the superannuate relation in 1889 and now resides in Highland Park, Conn.

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MICAH JONES TALBOT, D. D., was born Feb. 25, 1821. While a student at Wesleyan University, Dec., 1842, was given an Exhorter's license by Dr. Joseph Holdich, pastor of the University, After graduation in 1843, while studying at home in Maine, he received invitations to the pastorate of a Congregational Church in St. Stephen, New Brunswick, to the principalship of Kent's Hill Seminary, and to a tutorship at Wesleyan University; but soon after the close of that year, he entered the pastoral work in the New England Southern Conference, at South Somerset. In 1845 he was admitted to probation and in due time was received to membership and advanced to orders. For appointments see the Year book. While at Fairhaven, in 1847, he was called to the charge of the new Seminary of the Vermont Conference. The call was not accepted. At close of pastorate at Nantucket declined election to a professorship in McKendree College, Illinois. At Vineyard Haven a great revival took place, resulting in the formation of the North Tisbury Church, and the conversion of Rev. Henry D. Robinson of our Conference with many others. At St. Paul's, Fall River, he was active in the "Fremont Campaign," and for two years was the writer of the editorial leaders in the Fall River News. At Newport he was practically Superintendent of Public Schools; also at Bristol; and when that office was legally established in Newport, was the first occupant of the post, being called to it in 1865. At Newport a sweeping revival occurred, and nearly eighty persons were admitted to the Church at one service. From this pastorate, was called to be principal of East Greenwich Academy. The next pastoral service was at Bristol, in 1864-65; in the midst of the second year came the call to Newport above referred to. While here, supplied Somerset, wrote editorials for two periodicals, besides editing the Newport Daily News, in

JAMES ORWIN THOMPSON was born in Waldo, Waldo County, Me., June 9, 1834. He received his education in the common schools of that town, Vassaltoro Academy, Fairfield Seminary and graduated at M. G. B. Institute, Concord, N. H., in June, 1866. In the same year he joined the Maine Conference, preaching there until 1871, when he joined the New England Southern Conference, being stationed at Vineyard Haven, Plymouth, Middletown, etc. Good revival spirit was manifested at Nantasket and Little Compton. At Nantasket, the parsonage was improved and enlarged and the title secured to the church, and the church refrescoed, repainted and refurnished. He was superannuated in 1883 and resides at Keyser, W. Va.

Keyser, W. Va.

WILLIAM TURKINGTON was born in Lurgan, Ireland in 1818. He received his education in the schools of that place together with the assistance of a private teacher at home. His father being a member of the Episcopal Church, intended to educate his son for that Church, but reverses came which caused those intendions to be given up. About this time the Methodist preachers came and preached in dwelling-houses. He attended these meetings and was converted and appointed Class-Leader. He preached two years in connection with the Irish Conference, and then came to the United States in 1843, and joined New England Southern Conference in 1845. Some of his most important charges were Middletown, Moodus, Hockanum and Willimantic. In all his minstry, he never employed an evangelist, but conversions occurred at different times throughout the year. Large revivals occurred at Old Mystic and Willimantic. During his pastorate at Mansfield and Old Mystic, the churches were built and at Windsorville the upper part of the church was finished. The building had been raised two years and only the vestry finished. At Lyme the church was improved with new furniture, etc.

DANIEL A. WHEDON was born in Brantingham, Lewis County, N. Y., December 16, 1823. He attended school in Cazenovia; graduated from the Wesleyan University in 1845, and joined the New England Conference on probation in 1846. In 1847 he was transferred to the Oneida Conference, now Central New York, and the first year there was on a circuit with E. G. (now Bishop) Andrews as junior preacher. Among the appointments in that Conference were Ithaca, First Church, Auburn, First -Church and-First Church, Utica. In 1866 he was transferred to the Providence Conference, and has occupied several of its leading pulpits. He has held many of the highest honors within the gifts of the Conference. He has been a member of nine General Conferences. In 1881 he was delegate to the Ecumenical Conference in London, and in 1884 delegate to the Centennial Conference at Baltimore. He was a member and secretary of the committee that

prepared the present Hymnal of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In educational matters he was a trustee of Cazenovia Seminary for ten years; since 1871 he has been a trustee of Wesleyan University, and for the last ten years has been president of the Board of Directors of the East Greenwich Academy, He has contributed a number of articles to the Methodist Quarterly Review, two of which on "The Printed Greek Text of the New Testament," gave the fullest account of it that had been published in this country. For ten years he furnished for the Sunday School Journal Quarterly articles on "Methodism in the Lessons," and for thirty years he was a frequent contributor to Zion's Herald and other church papers. He wrote the notes on Collossians and Philippians and most of those on the Epistles of Peter for "Whedon's Commentary." In 1887, in connection with Rev. J. S. Whedon, prepared the volumes entitled "Essays, Reviews and Discourses," and "Statements Theological and Critical," by D. D. Whedon, D. D., LL. D. At the Centennial of New England Methodism, in Boston, in 1890, he read a paper on "Methodist Theology." In 1869 he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Wesleyan University. He now resides in East Greenwich, R. I.

Greenwich, R. I.

JOHN W. WILLETT was born in Hanson, Mass., May 22, 1824. He was educated in the common schools of that town and at South Braintree Academy. In his early life he was a staunch believer in the doctrine of Universalism, and in both public and private maintained them by argument, until he was at last vanquished by the simple testimony of a young boy, at a service held in the M. E. Church at South Scituate. He at once entered the ministry in 1853, being stationed at Yarmouthport. A few of his appointments were: Chartam, Taunton, Central Church; Rockville; Providence, Power Street; Pawtucket, Woonsocket and Middletown. He was ever a revival preacher, conversions occurring on all his charges. The church at Rockville was finished and dedicated during his pastorate there and the church at Hope Street, Providence, was begun and a parsonage erected while he was stationed there. He held two of the highest honors in the gift of the Conference, namely, Presiding Elder (of New Bedford District, 1879-82), and delegate to the General Conference. He also served faithfully and well in the following offices: treasurer of the Conference funds, of the board of trustees, of the fund for disabled clergymen, and of the Conference Seminary in some of its most critical years. He was superannuated in 1893 and died at Taunton, Aug. 21, 1897, leaving a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Alfred Messinger of Taunton. Mr. Willett for many years was one of the strong leaders in the Conference.

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DANIEL WISE was born in Portsmouth, England, January 10, 1813, educated in Portsmouth Grammar School; removed to the United States in 1833, and Joined the New England Conference in 1840. There he served churches at 1ps-wich, Lowell and Springfield and some other appointments that are now in the New England Southern Conference, such as Nantasket and Hull. When the Providence Conference was separated from the New England he remained with the former serving the leading churches in Providence, Fall River, New Bedford, etc. 1852-56 he was editor of Zion's Herald. He has edited many of our church and Sunday School periodicals. He edited and published the first Sunday School paper ever issued by Methodism. Perhaps American Methodism has produced no more voluminous writer than Dr. Wise. Nearly one hundred volumes have come from his pen, the aggregate sale of which has been considerably over one-half a million copies. Who can estimate the blessed influence of such a life? Probably no Sunday School library in Methodism is without some of his volumes. Among his many volumes we may mention the following: Life of Lorenzo Dow, (1840). Questions on Romans (1843), McGregor Family, (1845), Benevolent Traveller, (1846), Guidet ot the Savior, (1847), The Path of Life, (1847), Bridal Greetings (1850), Young Man's Counsellor (1850), Young Ladies' Counsellor (1851), My Uncle Tobey's Library, tweive volumes (1853), Living Streams from the Fountain of Life (1854), Popular Objections to Methodism Considered and Answered (1856), Hollywood Stories, six volumes (1872), Pen Pictures from the Life of John Wesley (1874), Uncrowned Kings (1875, last edition 1886), Sketches and Anecdotes of American Methodists (1883), Our Missionary Heroes and Heroines (1884), Some Remarkable Women (1887), Faith, Hope, Love and Duty (1891). The dates of the above are of the last edition in many cases.

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THE CONFERENCE ENDORSEMENT OF THE SOUVENIR HISTORY.

That there may be no misunderstanding as to the meaning of the line at the bottom of the title page, "With Conference Consent and Approval," we quote here from the Conference Year Book of 1897.

(From Minutes of the Second Day-Page 17).

"HISTORY OF CHURCHES. R. C. Miller announced his purpose to prepare a history of the Churches in the Conference, and requested that a special committee be apointed to consider the subject and report. On motion of W. H. Butler, the Presiding Elders were requested to nominate such a committee, to be composed of three members from each District. The Presiding Elders nominated M. J. Talbot, G. W. King, B. F. Simon, J. G. Gammons, J. I. Bartholomew, W. F. Davis, W. C. Newell, C. M. Melden and W. I. Ward. The nominations were confirmed."

(From Minutes of the Sixth Day-Page 33).

"SOUVENIR HISTORY. G. W. King, for the Committee on Souvenir History of the Conference, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we approve the general plan of the Souvenir History of the Conference proposed by Brother R. C. Miller, and promised him our hearty co-operation in the preparation and distribution of his work."

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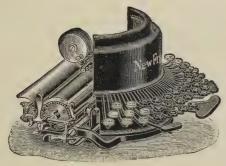
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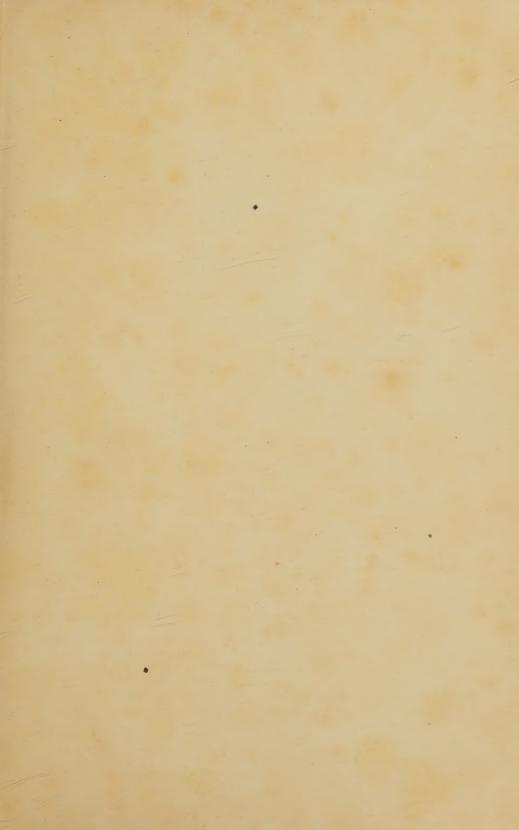
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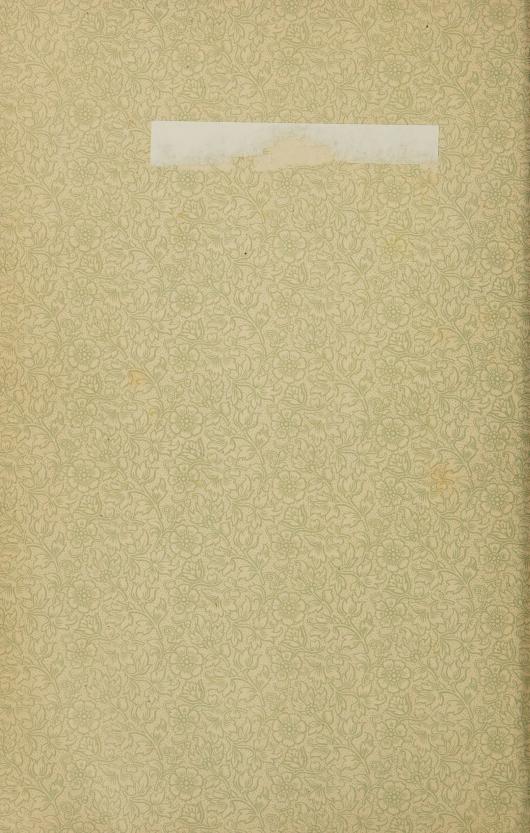
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